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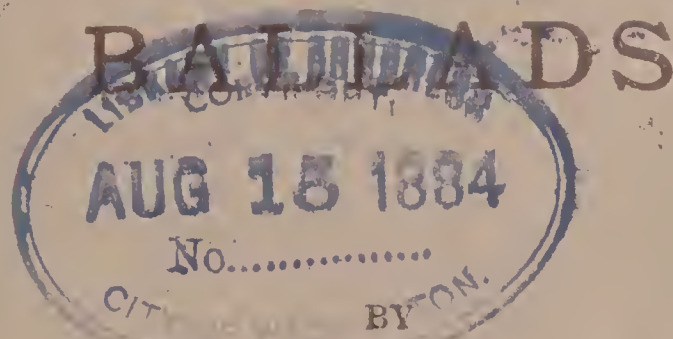


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# BALLADS.

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## *THE CHRONICLE OF THE DRUM.*

### PART I.

AT Paris, hard by the Maine barriers,  
Whoever will choose to repair,  
Midst a dozen of wooden-legged warriors  
May haply fall in with old Pierre.  
On the sunshiny bench of a tavern  
He sits and he prates of old wars,  
And moistens his pipe of tobacco  
With a drink that is named after Mars.

The beer makes his tongue run the quicker,  
And as long as his tap never fails,  
Thus over his favorite liquor  
Old Peter will tell his old tales.  
Says he, "In my life's ninety summers  
Strange changes and chances I've seen,—  
So here's to all gentleman drummers  
That ever have thump'd on a skin.

"Brought up in the art military  
For four generations we are;  
My ancestors drumm'd for King Harry,  
The Huguenot lad of Navarre.  
And as each man in life has his station  
According as Fortune may fix,  
While Condé was waving the baton,  
My grandsire was trolling the sticks

“ Ah! those were the days for commanders !  
 What glories my grandfather won,  
 Ere bigots, and lackeys, and panders  
 The fortunes of France had undone !  
 In Germany, Flanders, and Holland,—  
 What foeman resisted us then ?  
 No ; my grandsire was ever victorious,  
 My grandsire and Monsieur Turenne.

“ He died : and our noble battalions  
 The jade fickle Fortune forsook ;  
 And at Blenheim, in spite of our valiance,  
 The victory lay with Malbrook.  
 The news it was brought to King Louis ;  
 Corbleu ! how his Majesty swore  
 When he heard they had taken my grandsire :  
 And twelve thousand gentlemen more.

“ At Namur, Ramillies, and Malplaquet  
 Were we posted, on plain or in trench :  
 Malbrook only need to attack it  
 And away from him scamper'd we French.  
 Cheer up 'tis no use to be glum, boys,—  
 'Tis written, since fighting begun,  
 That sometimes we fight and we conquer,  
 And sometimes we fight and we run.

“ To fight and to run was our fate :  
 Our fortune and fame had departed.  
 And so perish'd Louis the great,—  
 Old, lonely, and half broken-hearted.  
 His coffin they pelted with mud,  
 His body they tried to lay hands on ;  
 And so having buried King Louis  
 They loyally served his great-grandson.

“ God save the beloved King Louis !  
 (For so he was nicknamed by some)  
 And now came my father to do his  
 King's orders and beat on the drum.  
 My grandsire was dead, but his bones  
 Must have shaken I'm certain for joy,  
 To hear daddy drumming the English  
 From the meadows of famed Fontenoy.



“So well did he drum in that battle  
That the enemy show’d us their backs;  
Corbleu! it was pleasant to rattle  
The sticks and to follow old Saxe!  
We next had Soubise as a leader,  
And as luck hath its changes and fits,  
At Rossbach, in spite of dad’s drumming,  
’Tis said we were beaten by Fritz.

“And now daddy cross’d the Atlantic,  
To drum for Montcalm and his men;  
Morbleu! but it makes a man frantic  
To think we were beaten again!  
My daddy he cross’d the wide ocean,  
My mother brought me on her neck,  
And we came in the year fifty-seven  
To guard the good town of Quebec.

“In the year fifty-nine came the Britons,—  
Full well I remember the day,—  
They knocked at our gates for admittance,  
Their vessels were moor’d in our bay.  
Says our general, ‘Drive me yon red-coats  
Away to the sea whence they come!’  
So we march’d against Wolfe and his bull-dogs,  
We marched at the sound of the drum.

“I think I can see my poor mammy  
With me in her hand as she waits,  
And our regiment, slowly retreating,  
Pours back through the citadel gates.  
Dear mammy she looks in their faces,  
And asks if her husband is come?  
—He is lying all cold on the glaxis,  
And will never more beat on the drum.

“Come, drink, ’tis no use to be glum, boys,  
He died like a soldier in glory;  
Here’s a glass to the health of all drum-boys,  
And now I’ll commence my own story.  
Once more did we cross the salt ocean,  
We came in the year eighty-one;  
And the wrongs of my father the drummer  
Were avenged by the drummer his son.

“ In Chesapeake Bay we were landed.  
In vain strove the British to pass :  
Rochambeau our armies commanded,  
Our ships they were led by De Grasse.  
Morbleu ! how I rattled the drumsticks  
The day we march'd into Yorktown ;  
Ten thousand of beef-eating British  
Their weapons we caused to lay down.

“ Then homewards returning victorious,  
In peace to our country we came,  
And were thanked for our glorious actions  
By Louis Sixteenth of the name.  
What drummer on earth could be prouder  
Than I, while I drumm'd at Versailles  
To the lovely court ladies in powder,  
And lappets, and long satin-tails ?

“ The Princes that day pass'd before us,  
Our countrymen's glory and hope ;  
Monsieur, who was learned in Horace,  
D'Artois, who could dance the tight-rope.  
One night we kept guard for the Queen  
At her Majesty's opera-box,  
While the King, that majestic monarch,  
Sat filing at home at his locks.

“ Yes, I drumm'd for the fair Antoinette,  
And so smiling she look'd and so tender,  
That our officers, privates, and drummers,  
All vow'd they would die to defend her.  
But she cared not for us honest fellows,  
Who fought and who bled in her wars,  
She sneer'd at our gallant Rochambeau,  
And turned Lafayette out of doors.

“ Ventrebleu ! then I swore a great oath,  
No more to such tyrants to kneel.  
And so just to keep up my drumming,  
One day I drumm'd down the Bastile.  
Ho, landlord ! a stoup of fresh wine.  
Come, comrades a bumper we'll try,  
And drink to the year eighty-nine  
And the glorious fourth of July !



“Then bravely our cannon it thunder’d  
As onwards our patriots bore.  
Our enemies were but a hundred,  
And we twenty thousand or more.  
They carried the news to King Louis.  
He heard it as calm as you please,  
And, like a majestical monarch,  
Kept fling his locks and his keys.

“We show’d our republican courage  
We storm’d and we broke the great gate in,  
And we murder’d the insolent governor  
For daring to keep us a-waiting.  
Lambesc and his squadrons stood by :  
They never stirr’d finger or thumb.  
The saucy aristocrats trembled  
As they heard the republican drum.

“Hurrah ! what a storm was a-brewing :  
The day of our vengeance was come !  
Through scenes of what carnage and ruin  
Did I beat on the patriot drum !  
Let us drink to the famed tenth of August :  
At midnight I beat the tattoo,  
And woke up the Pikemen of Paris  
To follow the bold Barbaroux.

“With pikes, and with shouts, and with torches  
March’d onwards our dusty battalions,  
And we girt the tall castle of Louis,  
A million of tatterdemalions !  
We storm’d the fair gardens where tower’d  
The walls of his heritage splendid.  
Ah, shame on him, craven and coward,  
That had not the heart to defend it !

“With the crown of his sires on his head,  
His nobles and knights by his side,  
At the foot of his ancestors’ palace  
’Twere easy, methinks, to have died.  
But no : when we burst through his barriers,  
Mid heaps of the dying and dead,  
In vain through the chambers we sought him  
He had turn’d like a craven and fled.



“ You all know the Place de la Concorde ?  
’Tis hard by the Tuilerie wall.

Mid terraces, fountains, and statues,  
There rises an obelisk tall.

There rises an obelisk tall,  
All garnish’d and gilted the base is :

’Tis surely the gayest of all  
Our beautiful city’s gay places.

“ Around it are gardens and flowers,  
And the Cities of France on their thrones,  
Each crown’d with his circlet of flowers  
Sits watching this biggest of stones !

I love to go sit in the sun there,  
The flowers and fountains to see,  
And to think of the deeds that were done there  
In the glorious year ninety-three.

“ ’Twas here stood the Altar of Freedom ;  
And though neither marble nor gilding  
Was used in those days to adorn

Our simple republican building,  
Corbleu ! but the MERE GUILLOTINE  
Cared little for splendor or show,  
So you gave her an axe and a beam,  
And a plank and a basket or so.

“ Awful and proud, and erect,  
Here sat our republican goddess.

Each morning her table we deck’d  
With dainty aristocrats’ bodies.

The people each day flocked around  
As she sat at her meat and her wine :

’Twas always the use of our nation  
To witness the sovereign dine.

“ Young virgins with fair golden tresses,  
Old silver’d-hair’d prelates and priests,  
Dukes, marquises, barons, princesses,  
Were splendidly served at her feasts.



Ventrebleu ! but we pamper'd our ogress  
 With the best that our nation could bring,  
 And dainty she grew in her progress,  
 And called for the head of a King !

"She called for the blood of our King,  
 And straight from his prison we drew him ;  
 And to her with shouting we led him,  
 And took him, and bound him, and slew him.  
 'The monarchs of Europe against me  
 Have plotted a godless alliance :  
 I'll fling them the head of King Louis,'  
 She said, 'as my gage of defiance.'

"I see him as now, for a moment,  
 Away from his jailers he broke ;  
 And stood at the foot of the scaffold,  
 And linger'd, and fain would have spoke.  
 Ho, drummer ! quick ! silence yon Capet,'  
 Says Santerre, 'with a beat of your drum.'  
 Lustily then did I tap it,  
 And the son of Saint Louis was dumb.

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## PART II.

"THE glorious days of September  
 Saw many aristocrats fall ;  
 'Twas then that our pikes drunk the blood  
 In the beautiful breast of Lamballe.  
 Pardi, 'twas a beautiful lady !  
 I seldom have look'd on her like ,  
 And I drumm'd for a gallant procession,  
 That marched with her head on a pike.

"Let's show the pale head to the Queen,  
 We said—she'll remember it well.  
 She looked from the bars of her prison,  
 And shriek'd as she saw it, and fell.  
 We set up a shout at her screaming,  
 We laugh'd at the fright she had shown  
 At the sight of the head of her minion ;  
 How she'd tremble to part with her own.

“We had taken the head of King Capet,  
We called for the blood of his wife;  
Undaunted she came to the scaffold,  
And bared her fair neck to the knife.  
As she felt the foul fingers that touch’d her,  
She shrunk, but she deigned not to speak:  
She look’d with a royal disdain,  
And died with a blush on her cheek!

“’Twas thus that our country was saved;  
So told us the safety committee!  
But psha! I’ve the heart of a soldier,  
All gentleness, mercy, and pity.  
I loathed to assist at such deeds,  
And my drum beat its loudest of tunes  
As we offered to justice offended  
The blood of the bloody tribunes.

“Away with such foul recollections!  
No more of the axe and the block;  
I saw the last fight of the sections,  
As they fell ’neath our guns at Saint Rock.  
Young BONAPARTE led us that day;  
When he sought the Italian frontier,  
I follow’d my gallant young captain,  
I follow’d him many a long year.

“We came to an army in rags,  
Our general was but a boy  
When we first saw the Austrian flags  
Flaunt proud in the fields of Savoy.  
In the glorious year ninety-six,  
We march’d to the banks of the Po;  
I carried my drum and my sticks,  
And we laid the proud Austrian low.

“In triumph we enter’d Milan,  
We seized on the Mantuan keys;  
The troops of the Emperor ran,  
And the Pope he fell down on his knees.”—  
Pierre’s comrades here call’d a fresh bottle,  
And clubbing together their wealth,  
They drank to the Army of Italy,  
And General Bonaparte’s health.



The drummer now bared his old breast,  
And show'd us a plenty of scars,  
Rude presents that Fortune had made him,  
In fifty victorious wars.

"This came when I follow'd bold Kleber—  
'Twas shot by a Mameluke gun;  
And this from an Austrian sabre,  
When the field of Marengo was won.

"My forehead has many deep furrows,  
But this is the deepest of all:  
A Brunswicker made it at Jena,  
Beside the fair river of Saal.  
This cross, 'twas the Emperor gave it;  
(God bless him!) it covers a blow;  
I had it at Austerlitz fight,  
As I beat on my drum in the snow.

"'Twas thus that we conquer'd and fought;  
But wherefore continue the story?  
There's never a baby in France  
But has heard of our chief and our glory,—  
But has heard of our chief and our fame,  
His sorrows and triumphs can tell,  
How bravely Napoleon conquer'd,  
How bravely and sadly he fell.

"It makes my old heart to beat higher,  
To think of the deeds that I saw;  
I follow'd bold Ney through the fire,  
And charged at the side of Murat."  
And so did old Peter continue  
His story of twenty brave years;  
His audience follow'd with comments—  
Rude comments of curses and tears.

He told how the Prussians in vain  
Had died in defence of their land;  
His audience laugh'd at the story,  
And vow'd that their captain was grand!  
He had fought the red English, he said,  
In many a battle of Spain;  
They cursed the red English, and prayed  
To meet them and fight them again.

He told them how Russia was lost,  
Had winter not driven them back ;  
And his company cursed the quick frost,  
And doubly they cursed the Cossack.  
He told how the stranger arrived ;  
They wept at the tale of disgrace ;  
And they long'd but for one battle more,  
The stain of their shame to efface !

“ Our country their hordes overrun,  
We fled to the fields of Champagne,  
And fought them, though twenty to one,  
And beat them again and again !  
Our warrior was conquer'd at last ;  
They bade him his crown to resign ;  
To fate and his country he yielded  
The rights of himself and his line.

“ He came, and among us he stood,  
Around him we press'd in a throng :  
We could not regard him for weeping,  
Who had led us and loved us so long.  
'I have led you for twenty long years,'  
Napoleon said, ere he went ;  
'Wherever was honor I found you,  
And with you, my sons, am content !

“ ‘ Though Europe against me was arm'd,  
Your chiefs and my people are true ;  
I still might have struggled with fortune,  
And baffled all Europe with you.

“ ‘ But France would have suffer'd the while,  
'Tis best that I suffer alone ;  
I go to my place of exile,  
To write of the deeds we have done.

“ ‘ Be true to the king that they give you,  
We may not embrace ere we part ;  
But, General, reach me your hand,  
And press me, I pray, to your heart.’

“ He call'd for our battle standard ;  
One kiss to the eagle he gave.



‘ Dear eagle ! ’ he said, ‘ may this kiss  
Long sound in the hearts of the brave ! ’

’Twas thus that Napoleon left us ;  
Our people were weeping and mute,  
As he pass’d through the lines of his guard,  
And our drums beat the notes of salute.

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“ I look’d when the drumming was o’er,  
I look’d, but our hero was gone ;  
We were destined to see him once more,  
When we fought on the Mount of St. John  
The Emperor rode through our files ;  
’Twas June, and a fair Sunday morn  
The lines of our warriors for miles  
Stretch’d wide through the Waterloo corn.

“ In thousands we stood on the plain,  
The red-coats were crowning the height ;  
‘ Go scatter yon English,’ he said ;  
‘ We’ll sup, lads, at Brussels to-night.’  
We answer’d his voice with a shout ;  
Our eagles were bright in the sun ;  
Our drums and our cannon spoke out,  
And the thundering battle begun.

“ One charge to another succeeds,  
Like waves that a hurricane bears ;  
All day do our galloping steeds  
Dash fierce on the enemy’s squares.  
At noon we began the fell onset :  
We charged up the Englishman’s hill ;  
And madly we charged it at sunset—  
His banners were floating there still.

“ —Go to ! I will tell you no more ;  
You know how the battle was lost.  
Ho ! fetch me a beaker of wine.  
And, comrades, I’ll give you a toast.  
I’ll give you a curse on all traitors,  
Who plotted our Emperor’s ruin ;  
And a curse on those red-coated English,  
Whose bayonets help’d our undoing.

A curse on those British assassins,  
Who order'd the slaughter of Ney;  
A curse on Sir Hudson, who tortured  
The life of our hero away.  
A curse on all Russians—I hate them—  
On all Prussian and Austrian fry;  
And oh! but I pray we may meet them.  
And fight them again ere I die.”

'Twas thus old Peter did conclude  
His chronicle with curses fit.  
He spoke the tale in accents rude  
In ruder verse I copied it.

Perhaps the tale a moral bears,  
(All tales in time to this must come,  
The story of two hundred years  
Writ on the parchment of a drum.

What Peter told with drum and stick.  
Is endless theme for poet's pen.  
Is found in endless quartos thick,  
Enormous books by learned men.

And ever since historian writ,  
And ever since a bard could sing,  
Doth each exalt with all his wit  
The noble art of murdering.

We love to read the glorious page,  
How bold Achilles kill'd his foe:  
And Turnus, fell'd by Trojans' rage,  
Went howling to the shades below.

How Godfrey led his red-cross knights,  
How mad Orlando slash'd and slew;  
There's not a single bard that writes  
But doth the glorious theme renew.

And while, in fashion picturesque,  
The poet rhymes of blood and blows,  
The grave historian at his desk  
Describes the same in classic prose.



Go read the works of Reverend Cox,  
You'll duly see recorded there  
The history of the self-same knocks  
Here roughly sung by Drummer Pierre

Of battles fierce and warriors big,  
He writes in phrases dull and slow,  
And waves his cauliflower wig,  
And shouts "Saint George for Marlborow!"

Take Doctor Southey from the shelf,  
An LL.D.,—a peaceful man;  
Good Lord, how doth he plume himself  
Because we beat the Corsican!

From first to last his page is filled  
With stirring tales how blows were struck.  
He shows how we the Frenchmen kill'd,  
And praises God for our good luck.

Some hints, 'tis true, of politics  
The doctors give and statesman's art:  
Pierre only bangs his drum and sticks,  
And understands the bloody part.

He cares not what the cause may be,  
He is not nice for wrong and right;  
But show him where's the enemy,  
He only asks to drum and fight.

They bid him fight,—perhaps he wins.  
And when he tells the story o'er,  
The honest savage brags and grins,  
And only longs to fight once more.

But luck may change, and valor fail,  
Our drummer, Peter, meet reverse,  
And with a moral points his tale—  
The end of all such tales—a curse.

Last year, my love, it was my hap  
Behind a grenadier to be,  
And, but he wore a hairy cap,  
No taller man, methinks, than me.

Prince Albert and the Queen, God wot,  
 (Be blessings on the glorious pair !)  
 Before us passed, I saw them not,  
 I only saw a cap of hair.

Your orthodox historian puts  
 In foremost rank the soldier thus,  
 The red-coat bully in his boots,  
 That hides the march of men from us.

He puts him there in foremost rank,  
 You wonder at his cap of hair :  
 You hear his sabre's cursed clank,  
 His spurs are jingling everywhere.

Go to ! I hate him and his trade :  
 Who bade us so to cringe and bend,  
 And all God's peaceful people made  
 To such as him subservient ?

Tell me what find we to admire  
 In epaulets and scarlet coats.  
 In men, because they load and fire,  
 And know the art of cutting throats ?

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Ah, gentle, tender lady mine !  
 The winter wind blows cold and shrill,  
 Come, fill me one more glass of wine,  
 And give the silly fools their will.

And what care we for war and wrack,  
 How kings and heroes rise and fall ;  
 Look yonder,\* in his coffin black,

There lies the greatest of them all !  
 To pluck him down, and keep him up,  
 Died many million human souls ;  
 'Tis twelve o'clock, and time to sup,  
 Bid Mary heap the fire with coals.

He captured many thousand guns ;  
 He wrote " The Great " before his name ;  
 And dying, only left his sons  
 The recollection of his shame.

\* This ballad was written at Paris at the time of the Second Funeral of Napoleon.



Though more than half the world was his,  
 He died without a rood his own ;  
 And borrow'd from his enemies  
 Six foot of ground to lie upon.

He fought a thousand glorious wars,  
 And more than half the world was his,  
 And somewhere now, in yonder stars,  
 Can tell, mayhap, what greatness is.

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*ABD-EL-KADER AT TOULON.*

OR, THE CAGED HAWK.

No more, thou lithe and long-winged hawk, of desert-life for thee ;  
 No more across the sultry sands shalt thou go swooping free :  
 Blunt idle talons, idle beak, with spurning of thy chain,  
 Shatter against thy cage the wing thou ne'er may'st spread again.

Long, sitting by their watchfires, shall the Kabyles tell the tale  
 Of thy dash from Ben Halifa on the fat Metidja vale ;  
 How thou swept'st the desert over, bearing down the wild El  
 Riff,  
 From eastern Beni Salah to western Ouad Shelif ;

How thy white burnous went streaming, like the storm-rack o'er  
 the sea,  
 When thou rodest in the vanward of the Moorish chivalry ;  
 How thy razzia was a whirlwind, thy onset a simoom,  
 How thy sword-sweep was the lightning, dealing death from out  
 the gloom !

Nor less quick to slay in battle than in peace to spare and save,  
 Of brave men wisest councillor, of wise councillors most brave ;  
 How the eye that flashed destruction could beam gentleness and  
 love,  
 How lion in thee mated lamb, how eagle mated dove !

Availéd not or steel or shot 'gainst that charmed life secure,  
 Till cunning France, in last resource, tossed up the golden lure;  
 And the carrion buzzards round him stooped, faithless, to the cast,  
 And the wild hawk of the desert is caught and caged at last.

Weep, maidens of Zerifah, above the laden loom!  
 Scar, chieftains of Al Elmah, your cheeks in grief and gloom!  
 Sons of the Beni Snazam, throw down the useless lance,  
 And stoop your necks and bare your backs to yoke and scourge of  
 France!

'Twas not in fight they bore him down; he never cried *amàn*;  
 He never sank his sword before the PRINCE OF FRANGHISTAN;  
 But with traitors all around him, his star upon the wane,  
 He heard the voice of ALLAH, and he would not strive in vain.

They gave him what he asked them; from king to king he spake,  
 As one that plighted word and seal not knoweth how to break;  
 "Let me pass from out my deserts, be't mine own choice where  
 to go,  
 I brook no fettered life to live, a captive and a show."

And they promised, and he trusted them, and proud and calm he  
 came,  
 Upon his black mare riding, girt with sword of fame.  
 Good steed, good sword, he rendered both unto the Frankish  
 throng;  
 He knew them false and fickle—but a Prince's word is strong.

How have they kept their promise? Turned they the vessel's  
 prow  
 Unto Acre, Alexandria, as they have sworn e'en now?  
 Not so: from Oran northwards the white sails gleam and glance,  
 And the wild hawk of the desert is borne away to France!

Where Toulon's white-walled lazaret looks southward o'er the  
 wave,  
 Sits he that trusted in the word a son of LOUIS gave.  
 O noble faith of noble heart! And was the warning vain,  
 The text writ by the BOURBON in the blurred black book of Spain?



They have need of thee to gaze on, they have need of thee to  
grace

The triumph of the Prince, to gild the pinchbeck of their race.  
Words are but wind, conditions must be construed by GUIZOT;  
Dash out thy heart, thou desert hawk, ere thou art made a show !

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*THE KING OF BRENTFORD'S TESTAMENT.*

THE noble King of Brentford  
Was old and very sick,  
He summon'd his physicians  
To wait upon his quick ;  
They stepp'd into their coaches  
And brought their best physic.

They cramm'd their gracious master  
With potion and with pill ;  
They drench'd him and they bled him :  
They could not cure his ill.

"Go fetch," says he, "my lawyer,  
I'd better make my will."

The monarch's royal mandate  
The lawyer did obey ;  
The thought of six-and-eightpence  
Did make his heart full gay.  
"What is't," says he, "your Majesty  
Would wish of me to-day ?"

"The doctors have belabor'd me  
With potion and with pill :  
My hours of life are counted,  
O man of tape and quill !  
Sit down and mend a pen or two,  
I want to make my will.

"O'er all the land of Brentford  
I'm lord, and eke of Kew :  
I've three-per-cents and five-per-cents ;  
My debts are but a few ;  
And to inherit after me  
I have but children two.

" Prince Thomas is my eldest son,  
A sober prince is he,  
And from the day we breech'd him  
Till now, he's twenty-three,  
He never caused disquiet  
To his poor Mamma or me.

" At school they never flogg'd him,  
At college, though not fast,  
Yet his little-go and great-go  
He creditably pass'd,  
And make his year's allowance  
For eighteen months to last.

" He never owed a shilling,  
Went never drunk to bed,  
He has not two ideas  
Within his honest head—  
In all respects he differs  
From my second son, Prince Ned.

" When Tom has half his income  
Laid by at the year's end,  
Poor Ned has ne'er a stiver,  
That rightly he may spend,  
But sponges on a tradesman,  
Or borrows from a friend.

" While Tom his legal studies  
Most soberly pursues,  
Poor Ned must pass his mornings  
A-dawdling with the Muse :  
While Tom frequents his bankers,  
Young Ned frequents the Jews.

" Ned drives about in buggies,  
Tom sometimes takes a 'bus ;  
Ah, cruel fate, why made you  
My children differ thus ?  
Why make of Tom a *dullard*,  
And Ned a *genius* ? "



“You’ll cut him with a shilling,”  
Exclaimed the man of wits:  
“I’ll leave my wealth,” said Brentford,  
“Sir Lawyer, as befits;  
And portion both their fortunes  
Unto their several wits.”

“Your Grace knows best,” the lawyer said;  
“On your commands I wait.”  
“Be silent, Sir,” says Brentford,  
“A plague upon your prate!  
Come take your pen and paper,  
And write as I dictate.”

The will as Brentford spoke it  
Was writ and signed and closed;  
He bade the lawyer leave him,  
And turn’d him round and dozed;  
And next week in the churchyard  
The good old King reposed.

Tom, dressed in crape and hatband,  
Of mourners was the chief;  
In bitter self-upbraidings  
Poor Edward showed his grief:  
Tom hid his fat white countenance  
In his pocket-handkerchief.

Ned’s eyes were full of weeping,  
He falter’d in his walk;  
Tom never shed a tear,  
But onward he did stalk,  
As pompous, black, and solemn,  
As any catafalque.

And when the bones of Brentford—  
That gentle king and just—  
With bell and book and candle  
Were duly laid in dust,  
“Now, gentlemen,” says Thomas,  
“Let business he discussed.

“When late our sire beloved  
Was taken deadly ill,  
Sir Lawyer, you attended him  
(I mean to tax your bill);  
And, as you signed and wrote it,  
I prithee read the will.”

The lawyer wiped his spectacles,  
And drew the parchment out:  
And all the Brentford family  
Sat eager round about:  
Poor Ned was somewhat anxious,  
But Tom had ne'er a doubt.

“My son, as I make ready  
To seek my last long home,  
Some cares I had for Neddy,  
But none for thee, my Tom:  
Sobriety and order  
You ne'er departed from.

“Ned hath a brilliant genius,  
And thou a plodding brain;  
On thee I think with pleasure,  
On him with doubt and pain.”  
 (“You see, good Ned,” says Thomas,  
“What he thought about us twain.”)

“Though small was your allowance,  
You saved a little store;  
And those who save a little  
Shall get a plenty more.”  
As the lawyer read this compliment,  
Tom's eyes were running o'er.

“The tortoise and the hare, Tom,  
Set out, at each his pace;  
The hare it was the fleeter,  
The tortoise won the race;  
And since the world's beginning  
This ever was the case.



“Ned’s genius, blithe and singing,  
Steps gayly o’er the ground ;  
As steadily you trudge it  
He clears it with a bound ;  
But dulness has stout legs, Tom,  
And wind that’s wondrous sound.

“O’er fruits and flowers alike, Tom,  
You pass with plodding feet ;  
You heed not one nor t’other  
But onwards go your beat,  
While genius stops to loiter  
With all that he may meet ;

“And ever as he wanders,  
Will have a pretext fine  
For sleeping in the morning,  
Or loitering to dine,  
Or dozing in the shade,  
Or basking in the shine.

“Your little steady eyes, Tom,  
Though not so bright as those  
That restless round about him  
His flashing genius throws,  
Are excellently suited  
To look before your nose.

“Thank heaven, then, for the blinkers  
It placed before your eyes ;  
The stupidest are weakest,  
The witty are not wise ;  
Oh, bless your good stupidity,  
It is your dearest prize !

“And though my lands are wide,  
And plenty is my gold,  
Still better gifts from Nature,  
My Thomas, do you hold—  
A brain that’s thick and heavy,  
A heart that’s dull and cold.

“Too dull to feel depression,  
 Too hard to heed distress,  
 Too cold to yield to passion  
 Or silly tenderness.  
 March on—your road is open  
 To wealth, Tom, and success.

“Ned sinneth in extravagance,  
 And you in greedy lust.”  
 (“I’ faith,” says Ned, “our father  
 Is less polite than just.”)  
 “In you, son Tom, I’ve confidence,  
 But Ned I cannot trust.

“Wherefore my lease and copyholds,  
 My lands and tenements,  
 My parks, my farms, and orchards,  
 My houses and my rents,  
 My Dutch stock and my Spanish stock,  
 My five and three per cents,

“I leave to you, my Thomas”—  
 (“What, all?” poor Edward said.  
 “Well, well, I should have spent them,  
 And Tom’s a prudent head”)—  
 “I leave to you, my Thomas,—  
 To you IN TRUST for Ned.”

The wrath and consternation  
 What poet e’er could trace  
 That at this fatal passage  
 Come o’er Prince Tom his face;  
 The wonder of the company,  
 And honest Ned’s amaze!

“’Tis surely some mistake,”  
 Good-naturedly cries Ned;  
 The lawyer answered gravely,  
 “’Tis even as I said;  
 ’Twas thus his glorious Majesty  
 Ordained on his death-bed.

“See, here the will is witness’d,  
And here’s his autograph.”

“In truth, our father’s writing,”  
Says Edward, with a laugh;  
“But thou shalt not be a loser, Tom,  
We’ll share it half and half.”

“Alas ! my kind young gentleman,  
This sharing cannot be ;  
’Tis written in the testament  
That Brentford spoke to me,  
‘I do forbid Prince Ned to give  
Prince Tom a halfpenny.

“‘He hath a store of money,  
But ne’er was known to lend it ;  
He never help’d his brother ;  
The poor he ne’er befriended ;  
He hath no need of property  
Who knows not how to spend it.

“‘Poor Edward knows but how to spend,  
And thrifty Tom to hoard ;  
Let Thomas be the steward then,  
And Edward be the lord ;  
And as the honest laborer  
Is worthy his reward,

“‘I pray Prince Ned, my second son,  
And my successor dear,  
To pay to his intendant  
Five hundred pounds a year ;  
And to think of his old father,  
And live and make good cheer.’”

Such was old Brentford’s honest treatment,  
He did devise his moneys for the best,  
And lies in Brentford church in peaceful rest.  
Prince Edward lived, and money made and spent ;  
But his good sire was wrong, it is confess’d,  
To say his son, young Thomas, never lent.  
He did. Young Thomas lent at interest,  
And nobly took his twenty-five per cent.



Long time the famous reign of Ned endured  
O'er Chiswick, Fulham, Brentford, Putney, Kew,  
But of extravagance he ne'er was cured.

And when both died, as mortal men will do,  
'Twas commonly reported that the steward  
Was very much the richer of the two.

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### *THE WHITE SQUALL.*

On deck, beneath the awning,  
I dozing lay and yawning ;  
It was the gray of dawning,  
Ere yet the sun arose ;  
And above the funnel's roaring,  
And the fitful wind's deploring,  
I heard the cabin snoring  
With universal nose.  
I could hear the passengers snorting—  
I envied their disporting—  
Vainly I was courting  
The pleasure of a doze !

So I lay, and wondered why light  
Came not, and watched the twilight,  
And the glimmer of the skylight,  
That shot across the deck ;  
And the binnacle pale and steady,  
And the dull glimpse of the dead-eye,  
And the sparks in fiery eddy  
That whirled from the chimney neck.  
In our jovial floating prison  
There was sleep from fore to mizzen,  
And never a star had risen  
The hazy sky to speck.

Strange company we harbored ;  
We'd a hundred Jews to larboard,  
Unwashed, uncombed, unbarbered—  
Jews black, and brown, and gray ;

With terror it would seize ye,  
And make your souls uneasy,  
To see those Rabbis greasy,  
Who did nought but scratch and pray :  
Their dirty children puking—  
Their dirty saucepans cooking—  
Their dirty fingers hooking  
Their swarming fleas away.

To starboard, Turks and Greeks were—  
Whiskered and brown their cheeks were—  
Enormous wide their breeks were—  
Their pipes did puff away ;  
Each on his mat allotted  
In silence smoked and squatted,  
Whilst round their children trotted  
In pretty, pleasant play.  
He can't but smile who traces  
The smiles on those brown faces,  
And the pretty prattling graces  
Of those small heathens gay.

And so the hours kept tolling,  
And through the ocean rolling  
Went the brave " Iberia " bowling  
Before the break of day——

When A SQUALL, upon a sudden,  
Came o'er the waters scudding ;  
And the clouds began to gather,  
And the sea was lashed to lather,  
And the lowering thunder grumbled,  
And the lightning jumped and tumbled  
And the ship, and all the ocean,  
Woke up in wild commotion.  
Then the wind set up a howling,  
And the poodle dog a yowling,  
And the cocks began a crowing,  
And the old cow raised a lowing,  
As she heard the tempest blowing ;  
And fowls and geese did cackle,  
And the cordage and the tackle  
Began to shriek and crackle ;

And the spray dashed o'er the funnels  
And down the deck in runnels ;  
And the rushing water soaks all,  
From the seamen in the fo'ksal  
To the stokers whose black faces  
Peer out of their bed-places ;  
And the captain he was bawling,  
And the sailors pulling, hauling,  
And the quarter-deck tarpauling  
Was shivered in the squalling ;  
And the passengers awaken,  
Most pitifully shaken ;  
And the steward jumps up, and hastens  
For the necessary basins.

Then the Greeks they groaned and quivered,  
And they knelt, and moaned, and shivered,  
As the plunging waters met them,  
And splashed and overset them ;  
And they call in their emergence  
Upon countless saints and virgins ;  
And their marrowbones are bended,  
And they think the world is ended.

And the Turkish women for'ard  
Were frightened and behorror'd ;  
And shrieking and bewildering,  
The mothers clutched their children ;  
The men sung " Allah ! Illah  
Mashallah Bismillah !"  
As the warring waters doused them  
And splashed them and soused them,  
And they called upon the Prophet,  
And thought but little of it.

Then all the fleas in Jewry  
Jumped up and bit like fury ;  
And the progeny of Jacob  
Did on the main-deck wake up  
(I wot those greasy Rabbins  
Would never pay for cabins) ;  
And each man moaned and jabbered in  
His filthy Jewish gaberdine,



In woe and lamentation,  
And howling consternation.  
And the splashing water drenches  
Their dirty brats and wenches;  
And they crawl from bales and benches  
In a hundred thousand stench.  
This was the White Squall famous,  
Which latterly o'ercame us,  
And which all will well remember  
On the 28th September;  
When a Prussian captain of Lancers  
(Those tight-laced, whiskered prancers)  
Came on the deck astonished,  
By that wild squall admonished,  
And wondering cried, "Potztausend,  
Wie ist der Sturm jetzt brausend?"  
And looked at Captain Lewis,  
Who calmly stood and blew his  
Cigar in all the bustle,  
And scorned the tempest's tussle,  
And oft we've thought thereafter  
How he beat the storm to laughter;  
For well he knew his vessel  
With that vain wind could wrestle;  
And when a wreck we thought her,  
And doomed ourselves to slaughter,  
How gayly he fought her,  
And through the hubbub brought her,  
And as the tempest caught her,  
Cried, "GEORGE! SOME BRANDY-AND-WATER!"

And when, its force expended,  
The harmless storm was ended,  
And as the sunrise splendid  
Came blushing o'er the sea;  
I thought, as day was breaking,  
My little girls were waking,  
And smiling, and making  
A prayer at home for me.

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*PEG OF LIMAVADDY.*

RIDING from Coleraine  
    (Famed for lovely Kitty),  
Came a Cockney bound  
    Unto Derry city ;  
Weary was his soul,  
    Shivering and sad, he  
Bumped along the road  
    Leads to Limavaddy.

Mountains stretch'd around,  
    Gloomy was their tinting,  
And the horse's hoofs  
    Made a dismal clinting ;  
Wind upon the heath  
    Howling was and piping,  
On the heath and bog,  
    Black with many a snipe in  
'Mid the bogs of black,  
    Silver pools were flashing,  
Crows upon their sides  
    Picking were and splashing.  
Cockney on the car  
    Closer folds his plaidy,  
Grumbling at the road  
    Leads to Limavaddy.

Through the crashing woods  
    Autumn brawl'd and bluster'd,  
Tossing round about  
    Leaves the hue of mustard ;  
Yonder lay Lough Foyle,  
    Which a storm was whipping,  
Covering with mist  
    Lake, and shores and shipping.  
Up and down the hill  
    (Nothing could be bolder),  
Horse went with a raw  
    Bleeding on his shoulder.

"Were are horses changed?"

Said I to the laddy  
Driving on the box :  
"Sir, at Limavaddy."

Limavaddy inn's

But a humble bait-house,  
Where you may procure  
Whiskey and potatoes ;  
Landlord at the door  
Gives a smiling welcome—  
To the shivering wights  
Who to his hotel come.

Landlady within

Sits and knits a stocking,  
With a wary foot  
Baby's cradle rocking.  
To the chimney nook  
Having found admittance,  
There I watch a pup  
Playing with two kittens ;

(Playing round the fire,  
Which of blazing turf is,  
Roaring to the pot  
Which bubbles with the murphies.)  
And the cradled babe  
Fond the mother nursed it,  
Singing it a song  
As she twists the worsted !

Up and down the stair

Two more young ones patter  
(Twins were never seen  
Dirtier nor fatter).  
Both have mottled legs,  
Both have snubby noses,  
Both have——Here the host  
Kindly interposes :

"Sure you must be froze  
With the sleet and hail, sir :  
So will you have some punch,  
Or will you have some ale, sir?"



Presently a maid  
Enters with the liquor  
(Half a pint of ale  
Frothing in a beaker).  
Gads ! I didn't know  
What my beating heart meant :  
Hebe's self I thought  
Entered the apartment.  
As she came she smiled,  
And the smile bewitching,  
On my word and honor,  
Lighted all the kitchen !

With a curtsey neat  
Greeting the new comer,  
Lovely, smiling Peg  
Offers me the rummer ;  
But my trembling hand  
Up the beaker tilted,  
And the glass of ale  
Every drop I spilt it :  
Spilt it every drop  
(Dames, who read my volumes,  
Pardon such a word)  
On my what-d'ye-call-'ems !

Witnessing the sight  
Of that dire disaster,  
Out began to laugh  
Missis, maid, and master ;  
Such a merry peal  
'Specially Miss Peg's was,  
(As the glass of ale  
Trickling down my legs was,)  
That the joyful sound  
Of that mingling laughter  
Echoed in my ears  
Many a long day after.

Such a silver peal !  
In the meadows listening,  
You who've heard the bells  
Ringing to a christening :

You who ever heard  
Caradori pretty,  
Smiling like an angel,  
Singing "Giovinetti ;"  
Fancy Peggy's laugh,  
Sweet, and clear, and cheerful,  
At my pantaloons  
With half a pint of beer full !

When the laugh was done,  
Peg, the pretty hussy,  
Moved about the room  
Wonderfully busy ;  
Now she looks to see  
If the kettle keep hot ;  
Now she rubs the spoons,  
Now she cleans the teapot ;  
Now she sets the cups  
Trimly and secure :  
Now she scours a pot,  
And so it was I drew her.

Thus it was I drew her  
Scouring of a kettle,  
(Faith ! her blushing cheeks  
Redden'd on the metal !)  
Ah ! but 'tis in vain  
That I try to sketch it ;  
The pot perhaps is like,  
But Peggy's face is wretched.  
No ! the best of lead  
And of indian-rubber  
Never could depict  
That sweet kettle-scrubber !

See her as she moves  
Scarce the ground she touches,  
Airy as a fay,  
Graceful as a duchess ;  
Bare her rounded arm,  
Bare her little leg is,  
Vestris never show'd  
Ankles like to Peggy's.

Braided is her hair,  
 Soft her look and modest,  
 Slim her little waist  
 Comfortably bodiced.

This I do declare,  
 Happy is the laddy  
 Who the heart can share  
 Of Peg of Limavaddy.  
 Married if she were  
 Blest would be the daddy  
 Of the children fair  
 Of Peg of Limavaddy.  
 Beauty is not rare  
 In the land of Paddy,  
 Fair beyond compare  
 Is Peg of Limavaddy.

Citizen or Squire,  
 Tory, Whig, or Radi-  
 cal would all desire  
 Peg of Limavaddy.  
 Had I Homer's fire,  
 Or that of Serjeant Taddy,  
 Meetly I'd admire  
 Peg of Limavaddy.  
 And till I expire,  
 Or till I grow mad, I  
 Will sing unto my lyre  
 Peg of Limavaddy!

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### *MAY-DAY ODE.*

BUT yesterday a naked sod  
 The dandies sneered from Rotten Row,  
 And cantered o'er it to and fro :  
 And see 'tis done !  
 As though 'twere by a wizard's rod  
 A blazing arch of lucid glass  
 Leaps like a fountain from the grass  
 To meet the sun !







Our brethren cross the Atlantic tides,  
Loading the gallant decks which once  
Roared a defiance to our guns,  
                    With peaceful store ;  
Symbol of peace, their vessel rides ! \*  
O'er English waves float Star and Stripe,  
And firm their friendly anchors gripe  
                    The father shore !

From Rhine and Danube, Rhone and Seine,  
As rivers from their sources gush,  
The swelling floods of nations rush,  
                    And seaward pour :  
From coast to coast in friendly chain,  
With countless ships we bridge the straits,  
And angry ocean separates  
                    Europe no more.

From Mississippi and from Nile—  
From Baltic, Ganges, Bosphorus,  
In England's ark assembled thus  
                    Are friend and guest.  
Look down the mighty sunlit aisle,  
And see the sumptuous banquet set,  
The brotherhood of nations met  
                    Around the feast !

Along the dazzling colonnade,  
Far as the straining eye can gaze,  
Gleam cross and fountain, bell and vase,  
                    In vistas bright ;  
And statues fair of nymph and maid,  
And steeds and pards and Amazons,  
Writhing and grappling in the bronze,  
                    In endless fight.

To deck the glorious roof and dome,  
To make the Queen a canopy,  
The peaceful hosts of industry  
                    Their standards bear.  
Yon are the works of Brahmin loom ;  
On such a web of Persian thread  
The desert Arab bows his head  
                    And cries his prayer.

\* The U. S. frigate "St. Lawrence."



Look yonder where the engines toil:  
 These England's arms of conquest are,  
 The trophies of her bloodless war:  
                                     Brave weapons these.  
 Victorious over wave and soil,  
 With these she sails, she weaves, she tills,  
 Pierces the everlasting hills  
                                     And spans the seas.  
  
 The engine roars upon its race,  
 The shuttle whirrs along the woof,  
 The people hum from floor to roof,  
                                     With Babel tongue.  
 The fountain in the basin plays,  
 The chanting organ echoes clear,  
 An awful chorus 'tis to hear,  
                                     A wondrous song!  
  
 Swell, organ, swell your trumpet blast,  
 March, Queen and Royal pageant, march  
 By splendid aisle and springing arch  
                                     Of this fair Hall:  
 And see! above the fabric vast,  
 God's boundless Heaven is bending blue,  
 God's peaceful sunlight's beaming through,  
                                     And shines o'er all.

*May, 1851.*

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### *THE BALLAD OF BOUILLABAISSE.*

A STREET there is in Paris famous,  
 For which no rhyme our language yields,  
 Rue Neuve des Petits Champs its name is—  
     The New Street of the Little Fields.  
 And here's an inn, not rich and splendid,  
     But still in comfortable case;  
 The which in youth I oft attended,  
     To eat a bowl of Bouillabaisse.

This Bouillabaisse a noble dish is—

A sort of soup or broth, or brew,  
Or hotchpotch of all sorts of fishes,  
That Greenwich never could outdo ;  
Green herbs, red peppers, mussels, saffron,  
Soles, onions, garlic, roach, and dace :  
All these you eat at TERRE'S tavern,  
In that one dish of Bouillabaisse.

Indeed, a rich and savory stew 'tis ;  
And true philosophers, methinks,  
Who love all sorts of natural beauties,  
Should love good victuals and good drinks.  
And Cordelier or Benedictine  
Might, gladly, sure, his lot embrace,  
Nor find a fast-day too afflicting,  
Which served him up a Bouillabaisse.

I wonder if the house still there is ?  
Yes, here the lamp is, as before ;  
The smiling red-cheeked écaillère is  
Still opening oysters at the door.  
Is TERRE still alive and able ?

I recollect his droll grimace :  
He'd come and smile before your table,  
And hope you liked your Bouillabaisse.

We enter—nothing's changed or older.

“How's Monsieur TERE, waiter, pray?”

The waiter stares and shrugs his shoulder—

“Monsieur is dead this many a day.”

“It is the lot of saint and sinner,

So honest TERRE'S run his race.”

“What will Monsieur require for dinner?”

“Say, do you still cook Bouillabaisse?”

“Oh, oui, Monsieur,” 's the waiter's answer ;

“Quel vin Monsieur desire-t-il ?”

“Tell me a good one.”—“That I can, Sir :

The Chambertin with yellow seal.”

“So TERRE'S gone,” I say, and sink in

My old accusom'd corner-place ;

“He's done with feasting and with drinking,

With Burgundy and Bouillabaisse.”

My old accusom'd corner here is,  
 The table still is in the nook;  
 Ah! vanish'd many a busy year is  
 This well-known chair since last I took.  
 When first I saw ye, *cari luoghi*,  
 I'd scarce a beard upon my face,  
 And now a grizzled, grim old foggy,  
 I sit and wait for Bouillabaisse.

Where are you, old companions trusty  
 Of early days here met to dine?  
 Come, waiter! quick, a flagon crusty—  
 I'll pledge them in the good old wine.  
 The kind old voices and old faces  
 My memory can quick retrace;  
 Around the board they take their places,  
 And share the wine and Bouillabaisse.

There's JACK has made a wondrous marriage;  
 There's laughing TOM is laughing yet;  
 There's brave AUGUSTUS drives his carriage;  
 There's poor old FRED in the *Gazette*;  
 On JAMES's head the grass is growing:  
 Good Lord! the world has wagged apace  
 Since here we set the Claret flowing,  
 And drank, and ate the Bouillabaisse.

Ah me! how quick the days are flitting!  
 I mind me of a time that's gone,  
 When here I'd sit, as now I'm sitting,  
 In this same place---but not alone.  
 A fair young form was nestled near me,  
 A dear, dear face looked fondly up  
 And sweetly spoke and smiled to cheer me  
 —There's no one now to share my cup.

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I drink it as the Fates ordain it.  
 Come, fill it, and have done with rhymes:  
 Fill up the lonely glass, and drain it  
 In memory of dear old times.  
 Welcome the wine, whate'er the seal is;  
 And sit you down and say your grace  
 With thankful heart, whate'er the meal is.  
 —Here comes the smoking Bouillabaisse!



*THE MAHOGANY TREE.*

CHRISTMAS is here :  
Winds whistle shrill,  
Icy and chill,  
Little care we :  
Little we fear  
Weather without,  
Sheltered about  
The Mahogany Tree.

Once on the boughs  
Birds of rare plume  
Sang, in its bloom ;  
Night-birds are we :  
Here we carouse,  
Singing like them,  
Perched round the stem  
Of the jolly old tree.

Here let us sport,  
Boys, as we sit ;  
Laughter and wit  
Flashing so free.  
Life is but short—  
When we are gone,  
Let them sing on,  
Round the old tree.

Evenings we knew,  
Happy as this ;  
Faces we miss,  
Pleasant to see.  
Kind hearts and true,  
Gentle and just,  
Peace to your dust  
We sing round the tree.

Care, like a dun,  
 Lurks at the gate :  
 Let the dog wait ;  
 Happy we'll be !  
 Drink, every one ;  
 Pile up the coals,  
 Fill the red bowls,  
 Round the old tree !

Drain we the cup.—  
 Friend, art afraid ?  
 Spirits are laid  
 In the Red Sea.  
 Mantle it up ;  
 Empty it yet ;  
 Let us forget,  
 Round the old tree.

Sorrow, begone !  
 Life and its ills,  
 Duns and their bills,  
 Bid we to flee.  
 Come with the dawn,  
 Blue-devil sprite,  
 Leave us to-night,  
 Round the old tree.

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### THE YANKEE VOLUNTEERS.

“ A surgeon of the United States' army says, that on inquiring of the Captain of his company, he found that *nine-tenths* of the men had enlisted on account of some female difficulty.”—*Morning Paper*.

YE Yankee volunteers !  
 It makes my bosom bleed  
 When I your story read,  
     Though oft 'tis told one  
 So—in both hemispheres  
 The women are untrue,  
 And cruel in the New,  
     As in the Old one !

What—in this company  
Of sixty sons of Mars,  
Who march 'neath Stripes and Stars,  
    With fife and horn,  
Nine-tenths of all we see  
Along the warlike line  
Had but one cause to join  
    This Hope Forlorn?

Deserters from the realm  
Where tyrant Venus reigns,  
You slipp'd her wicked chains,  
    Fled and out-ran her.  
And now, with sword and helm,  
Together banded are  
Beneath the Stripe and Star-  
    Embroider'd banner!

And is it so with all  
The warriors ranged in line,  
With lace bedizen'd fine  
    And swords gold-hilted—  
Yon lusty corporal,  
Yon color-man who gripes  
The flag of Stars and Stripes—  
    Has each been jilted?

Come, each man of this line,  
The privates strong and tall,  
“The pioneers and all,”  
    The fifer nimble—  
Lieutenant and Ensign,  
Captain with epaulets,  
And Blacky there, who beats  
    The clanging cymbal—

O cymbal-beating black,  
Tell us, as thou canst feel,  
Was it some Lucy Neal  
    Who caused thy ruin?  
O nimble fifying Jack,  
And drummer making din  
So deftly on the skin,  
    With thy rat-tattooing—



Confess, ye volunteers,  
 Lieutenant and Ensign,  
 And Captain of the line,  
     As bold as Roman—  
 Confess, ye grenadiers,  
 However strong and tall,  
 The Conqueror of you all  
     Is Woman, Woman !

No corselet is so proof  
 But through it from her bow  
 The shafts that she can throw  
     Will pierce and rankle.  
 No champion e'er so tough,  
 But's in the struggle thrown,  
 And tripped and trodden down  
     By her slim ankle.

Thus always it was ruled :  
 And when a woman smiled,  
 The strong man was a child,  
     The sage a noodle.  
 Alcides was befool'd,  
 And silly Samson shorn,  
 Long, long ere you were born,  
     Poor Yankee Doodle !

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### *THE PEN AND THE ALBUM.*

"I AM Miss Catherine's book," the Album speaks ;  
 "I've laid among your tomes these many weeks ;  
 I'm tired of their old coats and yellow cheeks

"Quick, Pen ! and write a line with a good grace :  
 Come ! draw me off a funny little face ;  
 And, prithee, send me back to Chesham Place."

PEN.

"I am my master's faithful old Gold Pen ;  
 I've served him three long years, and drawn since then  
 Thousands of funny women and droll men.

“O Album! could I tell you all his ways  
And thoughts, since I am his, these thousand days,  
Lord, how your pretty pages I’d amaze!”

ALBUM.

“His ways? his thoughts? Just whisper me a few;  
Tell me a curious anecdote or two,  
And write ’em quickly off, good Mordan, do!”

PEN.

“Since he my faithful service did engage  
To follow him through his queer pilgrimage,  
I’ve drawn and written many a line and page.

“Caricatures I scribbled have, and rhymes,  
And dinner-cards, and picture pantomimes,  
And merry little children’s books at times.

“I’ve writ the foolish fancy of his brain;  
The aimless jest that, striking, hath caused pain;  
The idle word that he’d wish back again.

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“I’ve help’d him to pen many a line for bread;  
To joke, with sorrow aching in his head;  
And make your laughter when his own heart bled;

“I’ve spoke with men of all degree and sort—  
Peers of the land, and ladies of the Court;  
Oh, but I’ve chronicled a deal of sport!

“Feasts that were ate a thousand days ago,  
Biddings to wine that long hath ceased to flow,  
Gay meetings with good fellows long laid low;

“Summons to bridal, banquet, burial, ball,  
Tradesman’s polite reminders of his small  
Account due Christmas last—I’ve answer’d all.

“Poor Diddler’s tenth petition for a half-  
Guinea; Miss Bunyan’s for an autograph;  
So I refuse, accept, lament, or laugh,

“ Condole, congratulate, invite, praise, scoff,  
Day after day still dipping in my trough,  
And scribbling pages after pages off.

“ Day after day the labor’s to be done,  
And sure as comes the postman and the sun,  
The indefatigable ink must run.

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“ Go back, my pretty little gilded tome,  
To a fair mistress and a pleasant home,  
Where soft hearts greet us whensoever we come !

“ Dear, friendly eyes, with constant kindness lit,  
However rude my verse, or poor my wit,  
Or sad or gay my mood, you welcome it.

“ Kind lady ! till my last of lines is penn’d,  
My master’s love, grief, laughter, at an end,  
Whene’er I write your name, may I write friend !

“ Not all are so that were so in past years ;  
Voices, familiar once, no more he hears ;  
Names, often writ, are blotted out in tears.

“ So be it :—joys will end and tears will dry——  
Album ! my master bids me wish good-by,  
He’ll send you to your mistress presently.

“ And thus with thankful heart he closes you ;  
Blessing the happy hour when a friend he knew  
So gentle, and so generous, and so true.

“ Nor pass the words as idle phrases by ;  
Stranger ! I never writ a flattery,  
Nor sign’d the page that register’d a lie.”



MRS. KATHERINE'S LANTERN.

WRITTEN IN A LADY'S ALBUM.

"Coming from a gloomy court,  
Place of Israelite resort,  
This old lamp I've brought with me.  
Madam, on its panes you'll see  
The initials K and E."

"An old lantern brought to me?  
Ugly, dingy, battered, black!"  
(Here a lady I suppose  
Turning up a pretty nose)—  
"Pray, sir, take the old thing back,  
I've no taste for bricabrac."

"Please to mark the letters twain"—  
(I'm supposed to speak again)—  
"Graven on the lantern pane.  
Can you tell me who was she,  
Mistress of the flowery wreath,  
And the anagram beneath—  
The mysterious K E?"

"Full a hundred years are gone  
Since the little beacon shone  
From a Venice balcony:  
There, on summer nights, it hung,  
And her lovers came and sung  
To their beautiful K E.

"Hush! in the canal below  
Don't you hear the plash of oars  
Underneath the lantern's glow,  
And a thrilling voice begins  
To the sound of mandolins?—  
Begins singing of amore  
And delire and dolore—  
O the ravishing tenore!

"Lady, do you know the tune?  
 Ah, we all of us have hummed it!  
 I've an old guitar has thrummed it,  
 Under many a changing moon.  
 Shall I try it? *Do RE MI \* \**  
 What is this? *Ma foi*, the fact is,  
 That my hand is out of practice,  
 And my poor old fiddle cracked is,  
 And a man—I let the truth out,—  
 Who's had almost every tooth out,  
 Cannot sing as once he sung,  
 When he was young as you are young,  
 When he was young and lutes were strung,  
 And love-lamps in the casement hung."

### LUCY'S BIRTHDAY.

SEVENTEEN rose-buds in a ring,  
 Thick with sister flowers beset,  
 In a fragrant coronet,  
 Lucy's servants this day bring.  
 Be it the birthday wreath she wears  
 Fresh and fair, and symboling  
 The young number of her years,  
 The sweet blushes of her spring.

Types of youth and love and hope!  
 Friendly hearts your mistress greet,  
 Be you ever fair and sweet,  
 And grow lovelier as you ope!  
 Gentle nursling, fenced about  
 With fond care, and guarded so,  
 Scarce you've heard of storms without,  
 Frosts that bite, or winds that blow!

Kindly has your life begun  
 And we pray that heaven may send  
 To our floweret a warm sun,  
 A calm summer, a sweet end.

And where'er shall be her home,  
May she decorate the place;  
Still expanding into bloom,  
And developing in grace.

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*THE CANE-BOTTOM'D CHAIR.*

In tattered old slippers that toast at the bars,  
And a ragged old jacket perfumed with cigars,  
Away from the world and its toils and its cares,  
I've a snug little kingdom up four pair of stairs.

To mount to this realm is a toil, to be sure,  
But the fire there is bright and the air rather pure;  
And the view I behold on a sunshiny day  
Is grand through the chimney-pots over the way.

This snug little chamber is cramm'd in all nooks  
With worthless old knicknacks and silly old books,  
And foolish old odds and foolish old ends,  
Crack'd bargains from brokers, cheap keepsakes from friends.

Old armor, prints, pictures, pipes, china (all crack'd),  
Old rickety tables, and chairs broken-backed;  
A twopenny treasury, wondrous to see;  
What matter? 'tis pleasant to you, friend, and me.

No better divan need the Sultan require,  
Than the creaking old sofa that basks by the fire;  
And 'tis wonderful, surely, what music you get  
From the rickety, ramshackle, wheezy spinet.

That praying-rug came from a Turcoman's camp;  
By Tiber once twinkled that brazen old lamp;  
A Mameluke fierce yonder dagger has drawn:  
'Tis a murderous knife to toast muffins upon.

Long, long through the hours, and the night, and the chimes,  
Here we talk of old books, and old friends, and old times;  
As we sit in a fog made of rich Latakia  
This chamber is pleasant to you, friend, and me



But of all the cheap treasures that garnish my nest,  
There's one that I love and I cherish the best:  
For the finest of couches that's padded with hair  
I never would change thee, my cane-bottom'd chair.

'Tis a bandy-legg'd, high-shoulder'd, worm-eaten seat,  
With a creaking old back, and twisted old feet;  
But since the fair morning when Fanny sat there,  
I bless thee and love thee, old cane-bottom'd chair.

If chairs have but feeling, in holding such charms,  
A thrill must have pass'd through your wither'd old arms!  
I look'd, and I long'd, and I wish'd in despair;  
I wish'd myself turn'd to a cane-bottom'd chair.

It was but a moment she sat in this place,  
She'd a scarf on her neck, and a smile on her face!  
A smile on her face, and a rose in her hair,  
And she sat there, and bloom'd in my cane-bottom'd chair.

And so I have valued my chair ever since,  
Like the shrine of a saint, or the throne of a prince;  
Saint Fanny, my patroness sweet I declare,  
The queen of my heart and my cane-bottom'd chair.

When the candles burn low, and the company's gone,  
In the silence of night as I sit here alone—  
I sit here alone, but we yet are a pair—  
My Fanny I see in my cane-bottom'd chair.

She comes from the past and revisits my room;  
She looks as she then did, all beauty and bloom;  
So smiling and tender, so fresh and so fair,  
And yonder she sits in my cane-bottom'd chair.

*PISCATOR AND PISCATRIX.*

LINES WRITTEN TO AN ALBUM PRINT.

As on this pictured page I look,  
This pretty tale of line and hook  
As though it were a novel-book  
    Amuses and engages :  
I know them both, the boy and girl ;  
She is the daughter of the Earl,  
The lad (that has his hair in curl)  
    My lord the County's page is.

A pleasant place for such a pair !  
The fields lie basking in the glare ;  
No breath of wind the heavy air  
    Of lazy summer quickens.  
Hard by you see the castle tall ;  
The village nestles round the wall,  
As round about the hen its small  
    Young progeny of chickens.

It is too hot to pace the keep ;  
To climb the turret is too steep ;  
My lord the earl is dozing deep,  
    His noonday dinner over .  
The postern-warder is asleep  
(Perhaps they've bribed him not to peep) ;  
And so from out the gate they creep,  
    And cross the fields of clover.

Their lines into the brook they launch ;  
He lays his cloak upon a branch,  
To guarantee his Lady Blanche  
    's delicate complexion :  
He takes his rapier from his haunch,  
That beardless doughty champion staunch ;  
He'd drill it through the rival's paunch  
    That question'd his affection !

O heedless pair of sportsmen slack !  
 You never mark, though trout or jack,  
 Or little foolish stickleback,  
     Your baited snares may capture.  
 What care has *she* for line and hook ?  
 She turns her back upon the brook,  
 Upon her lover's eyes to look  
     In sentimental rapture.

O loving pair ! as thus I gaze  
 Upon the girl who smiles always,  
 The little hand that ever plays  
     Upon the lover's shoulder ;  
 In looking at your pretty shapes,  
 A sort of envious wish escapes  
 (Such as the Fox had for the Grapes)  
     The Poet your beholder.

To be brave, handsome, twenty-two ;  
 With nothing else on earth to do,  
 But all day long to bill and coo :  
     It were a pleasant calling.  
 And had I such a partner sweet ;  
 A tender heart for mine to beat,  
 A gentle hand my clasp to meet ;—  
 I'd let the world flow at my feet,  
     And never heed its brawling.

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### *THE ROSE UPON MY BALCONY.*

THE rose upon my balcony the morning air perfuming,  
 Was leafless all the winter time and pining for the spring ;  
 You ask me why her breath is sweet, and why her cheek is  
     blooming,  
 It is because the sun is out and birds begin to sing.

The nightingale, whose melody is through the greenwood ringing,  
 Was silent when the boughs were bare and winds were blowing  
     keen :

And if, Mamma, you ask of me the reason of his singing,  
 It is because the sun is out and all the leaves are green.



Thus each performs his part, Mamma : the birds have found their  
 voices,  
 The blowing rose a flush, Mamma, her bonny cheek to dye ;  
 And there's sunshine in my heart, Mamma, which wakens and  
 rejoices,  
 And so I sing and blush, Mamma, and that's the reason why.

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*RONSARD TO HIS MISTRESS.*

“ Quand vous serez bien vieille, le soir à la chandelle  
 Assise auprès du feu devisant et filant,  
 Direz, chantant mes vers en vous esmerveillant,  
 Ronsard m'a célébré du temps que j'étois belle.”

SOME winter night, shut snugly in  
 Beside the fagot in the hall,  
 I think I see you sit and spin,  
 Surrounded by your maidens all.  
 Old tales are told, old songs are sung,  
 Old days come back to memory ;  
 You say, “ When I was fair and young,  
 A poet sang of me ! ”

There's not a maiden in your hall,  
 Though tired and sleepy ever so,  
 But wakes, as you my name recall,  
 And longs the history to know.  
 And, as the piteous tale is said,  
 Of lady cold and lover true,  
 Each, musing, carries it to bed,  
 And sighs and envies you !

“ Our lady's old and feeble now,”  
 They'll say ; “ she once was fresh and fair,  
 And yet she spurn'd her lover's vow,  
 And heartless left him to despair :  
 The lover lies in silent earth,  
 No kindly mate the lady cheers ;  
 She sits beside a lonely hearth,  
 With threescore and ten years ! ”

Ah ! dreary thoughts and dreams are those,  
 But wherefore yield me to despair,  
 While yet the poet's bosom glows,  
 While yet the dame is peerless fair !  
 Sweet lady mine ! while yet 'tis time  
 Requite my passion and my truth,  
 And gather in their blushing prime  
 The roses of your youth !

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### *AT THE CHURCH GATE.*

ALTHOUGH I enter not,  
 Yet round about the spot  
 Ofttimes I hover :  
 And near the sacred gate,  
 With longing eyes I wait,  
 Expectant of her.

The Minster bell tolls out  
 Above the city's rout,  
 And noise and humming :  
 They've hush'd the Minster bell :  
 The organ 'gins to swell :  
 She's coming, she's coming !  
 My lady comes at last,  
 Timid, and stepping fast,  
 And hastening hither,  
 With modest eyes downcast :  
 She comes—she's here—she's past—  
 May heaven go with her !

Kneel, undisturb'd, fair Saint !  
 Pour out your praise or plaint  
 Meekly and duly ;  
 I will not enter there,  
 To sully your pure prayer  
 With thoughts unruly.

But suffer me to pace  
Round the forbidden place,  
    Lingering a minute  
Like outcast spirits who wait  
And see through heaven's gate  
    Angels within it.

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## THE AGE OF WISDOM.

Ho, pretty page, with the dimpled chin,  
    That never has known the Barber's shear  
All your wish is woman to win,  
This is the way that boys begin,—  
    Wait till you come to Forty Year.  
Curly gold locks cover foolish brains,  
    Billing and cooing is all your cheer ;  
Sighing and singing of midnight strains,  
Under Bonnybell's window panes,—  
    Wait till you come to Forty Year.

Forty times over let Michaelmas pass,  
    Grizzling hair the brain doth clear—  
Then you know a boy is an ass,  
Then you know the worth of a lass,  
    Once you have come to Forty Year.

Pledge me round, I bid ye declare,  
    All good fellows whose beards are gray,  
Did not the fairest of the fair  
Common grow and wearisome ere  
    Ever a month was pass'd away ?

The reddest lips that ever have kissed,  
    The brightest eyes that ever have shone,  
May pray and whisper, and we not list,  
Or look away, and never be missed,  
    Ere yet ever a month is gone.



Gillian's dead, God rest her bier,  
How I loved her twenty years syne !  
Marian's married, but I sit here  
Alone and merry at Forty Year,  
Dipping my nose in the Gascon wine.

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### *SORROWS OF WERTHER.*

WERTHER had a love for Charlotte  
Such as words could never utter ;  
Would you know how first he met her ?  
She was cutting bread and butter.

Charlotte was a married lady,  
And a moral man was Werther,  
And for all the wealth of Indies,  
Would do nothing for to hurt her.

So he sighed and pined and ogled,  
And his passion boiled and bubbled,  
Till he blew his silly brains out,  
And no more was by it troubled.

Charlotte, having seen his body  
Borne before her on a shutter,  
Like a well-conducted person,  
Went on cutting bread and butter.

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### *A DOE IN THE CITY.*

LITTLE KITTY LORIMER,  
Fair, and young, and witty,  
What has brought your ladyship  
Rambling to the City ?

All the stags in Capel Court  
Saw her lightly trip it ;  
All the lads of Stock Exchange  
Twigg'd her muff and tippet.

With a sweet perplexity,  
And a mystery pretty,  
Threading through Threadneedle Street,  
Trots the little KITTY.

What was my astonishment—  
What was my compunction,  
When she reached the Offices  
Of the Didland Junction !

Up the Didland stairs she went,  
To the Didland door, Sir ;  
Porters lost in wonderment  
Let her pass before, Sir.

“ Madam,” says the old chief Clerk,  
“ Sure we can't admit ye.”  
“ Where's the Didland Junction deed ?”  
Dauntlessly says KITTY.

“ If you doubt my honesty,  
Look at my receipt, Sir.”  
Up then jumps the old chief Clerk,  
Smiling as he meets her.

KITTY at the table sits  
(Whither the old Clerk leads her),  
“ *I deliver this,*” she says,  
“ *As my act and deed, Sir.*”

When I heard these funny words  
Come from the lips so pretty ;  
This, I thought, should surely be  
Subject for a ditty.

What ! are ladies staggering it ?  
Sure, the more's the pity ;  
But I've lost my heart to her,—  
Naughty little KITTY.

*THE LAST OF MAY.**(IN REPLY TO AN INVITATION DATED ON THE 1ST.)*

By fate's benevolent award,  
 Should I survive the day,  
 I'll drink a bumper with my lord  
 Upon the last of May.

That I may reach that happy time  
 The kindly gods I pray,  
 For are not ducks and pease in prime  
 Upon the last of May?

At thirty boards, 'twixt now and then,  
 My knife and fork shall play;  
 But better wine and better men  
 I shall not meet in May.

And though, good friend, with whom I dine,  
 Your honest head is gray,  
 And, like this grizzled head of mine,  
 Has seen its last of May;

Yet, with a heart that's ever kind  
 A gentle spirit gay,  
 You've spring perennial in your mind,  
 And round you make a May!

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*"AH, BLEAK AND BARREN WAS THE MOOR."*

AH! bleak and barren was the moor,  
 Ah! loud and piercing was the storm,  
 The cottage roof was shelter'd sure,  
 The cottage hearth was bright and warm—



An orphan-boy the lattice pass'd,  
And, as he mark'd its cheerful glow,  
Felt doubly keen the midnight blast,  
And doubly cold the fallen snow.

They marked him as he onward press'd,  
With fainting heart and weary limb;  
Kind voices bade him turn and rest,  
And gentle faces welcomed him.  
The dawn is up—the guest is gone,  
The cottage hearth is blazing still:  
Heaven pity all poor wanderers lone!  
Hark to the wind upon the hill!

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*SONG OF THE VIOLET.*

A HUMBLE flower long time I pined  
Upon the solitary plain,  
And trembled at the angry wind,  
And shrunk before the bitter rain.  
And oh! 'twas in a blessed hour  
A passing wanderer chanced to see.  
And, pitying the lonely flower,  
To stoop and gather me.

I fear no more the tempest rude,  
On dreary heath no more I pine,  
But left my cheerless solitude,  
To deck the breast of Caroline.  
Alas our days are brief at best,  
Nor long I fear will mine endure,  
Though shelter'd here upon a breast  
So gentle and so pure.

It draws the fragrance from my leaves,  
It robs me of my sweetest breath,  
And every time it falls and heaves,  
It warns me of my coming death.  
But one I know would glad forego  
All joys of life to be as I;  
An hour to rest on that sweet breast,  
And then, contented, die.

## FAIRY DAYS.

BESIDE the old hall-fire—upon my nurse's knee,  
 Of happy fairy days—what tales were told to me!  
 I thought the world was once—all peopled with princesses,  
 And my heart would beat to hear—their loves and their distresses;  
 And many a quiet night,—in slumber sweet and deep,  
 The pretty fairy people—would visit me in sleep.

I saw them in my dreams—come flying east and west,  
 With wondrous fairy gifts—the new-born babe they bless'd;  
 One has brought a jewel—and one a crown of gold,  
 And one has brought a curse—but she is wrinkled and old.  
 The gentle queen turns pale—to hear those words of sin,  
 But the king he only laughs—and bids the dance begin.

The babe has grown to be—the fairest of the land,  
 And rides the forest green—a hawk upon her hand,  
 An ambling palfrey white—a golden robe and crown:  
 I've seen her in my dreams—riding up and down:  
 And heard the ogre laugh—as she fell into his snare,  
 At the little tender creature—who wept and tore her hair!

But ever when it seemed—her need was at the sorest,  
 A prince in shining mail—comes prancing through the forest,  
 A waving ostrich-plume—a buckler burnished bright;  
 I've seen him in my dreams—good sooth! a gallant knight.  
 His lips are coral red—beneath a dark mustache;  
 See how he waves his hand—and how his blue eyes flash!

“Come forth, thou Paynim knight!”—he shouts in accents clear.  
 The giant and the maid—both tremble his voice to hear.  
 Saint Mary guard him well!—he draws his falchion keen,  
 The giant and the knight—are fighting on the green.  
 I see them in my dreams—his blade gives stroke on stroke,  
 The giant pants and reels—and tumbles like an oak!

With what a blushing grace—he falls upon his knee  
 And takes the lady's hand—and whispers, “You are free!”  
 Ah! happy childish tales—of knight and faërie!  
 I waken from my dreams—but there's ne'er a knight for me;  
 I waken from my dreams—and wish that I could be  
 A child by the old hall-fire—upon my nurse's knee!

## POCAHONTAS.

WEARIED arm and broken sword  
Wage in vain the desperate fight :  
Round him press a countless horde,  
He is but a single knight.  
Hark ! a cry of triumph shrill  
Through the wilderness resounds,  
As, with twenty bleeding wounds,  
Sinks the warrior, fighting still.

Now they heap the fatal pyre,  
And the torch of death they light  
Oh ! 'tis hard to die of fire !  
Who will shield the captive knight ?  
Round the stake with fiendish cry  
Wheel and dance the savage crowd,  
Cold the victim's mien, and proud,  
And his breast is bared to die.

Who will shield the fearless heart ?  
Who avert the murderous blade ?  
From the throng, with sudden start,  
See there springs an Indian maid.  
Quick she stands before the knight,  
" Loose the chain, unbind the ring,  
I am daughter of the king,  
And I claim the Indian right ! "

Dauntlessly aside she flings  
Lifted axe and thirsty knife ;  
Fondly to his heart she clings,  
And her bosom guards his life !  
In the woods of Powhattan,  
Still 'tis told by Indian fires,  
How a daughter of their sires  
Saved the captive Englishman.



*FROM POCAHONTAS.*

Returning from the cruel fight  
How pale and faint appears my knight  
He sees me anxious at his side ;  
“ Why seek, my love, your wounds to hide ?  
Or deem your English girl afraid  
To emulate the Indian maid ? ”

Be mine my husband's grief to cheer.  
In peril to be ever near ;  
Whate'er of ill or woe betide,  
To bear it clinging at his side ;  
The poisoned stroke of fate to ward,  
His bosom with my own to guard :  
Ah ! could it spare a pang to his,  
It could not know a purer bliss !  
'Twould gladden as it felt the smart,  
And thank the hand that flung the dart !

# LOVE-SONGS MADE EASY.

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## *WHAT MAKES MY HEART TO THRILL AND GLOW?*

### THE MAY FAIR LOVE-SONG.

WINTER and summer, night and morn,  
I languish at this table dark;  
My office window has a corner  
looks into St. James's Park.  
I hear the foot-guards' bugle-horn,  
Their tramp upon parade I mark.  
I am a gentleman forlorn,  
I am a Foreign-Office Clerk.

My toils, my pleasures, every one,  
I find are stale, and dull, and slow;  
And yesterday, when work was done,  
I felt myself so sad and low,  
I could have seized a sentry's gun  
My wearied brains out out to blow.  
What is it makes my blood to run?  
What makes my heart to beat and glow?

My notes of hand are burnt, perhaps?  
Some one has paid my tailor's bill?  
No: every morn the tailor raps;  
My I O U's are extant still.  
I still am prey of debt and dun;  
My elder brother's stout and well.  
What is it makes my blood to run?  
What makes my heart to glow and swell?

I know my chief's distrust and hate •

He says I'm lazy, and I shirk.

Ah! had I genius like the late

Right Honorable Edmund Burke!

My chance of all promotion's gone,

I know it is,—he hates me so.

What is it makes my blood to run,

And all my heart to swell and glow?

Why, why is all so bright and gay?

There is no change, there is no cause;

My office-time I found to-day

Disgusting as it ever was.

At three, I went and tried the Clubs,

And yawned and saunter'd to and fro;

And now my heart jumps up and throbs,

And all my soul is in a glow.

At half-past four I had the cab;

I drove as hard as I could go.

The London sky was dirty drab,

And dirty brown the London snow.

And as I rattled in a cant-

er down by dear old Bolton Row,

A something made my heart to pant,

And caused my cheek to flush and glow.

What could it be that made me find

Old Jawkins pleasant at the Club?

Why was it that I laughed and grinned

At whist, although I lost the rub?

What was it made me drink like mad

Thirteen small glasses of Curaço?

That made my inmost heart so glad,

And every fibre thrill and glow?

She's home again! she's home, she's home!

Away all cares and grief and pain;

I knew she would—she's back from Rome;

She's home again! she's home again!

"The family's gone abroad," they said,

September last—they told me so;

Since then my lonely heart is dead,

My blood I think's forgot to flow.



She's home again ! away all care !  
 O fairest form the world can show !  
 O beaming eyes ! O golden hair !  
 O tender voice, that breathes so low !  
 O gentlest, softest, purest heart !  
 O joy, O hope !—" My tiger, ho !"  
 Fitz-Clarence said ; we saw him start—  
 He galloped down to Bolton Row.

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## THE GHAZUL, OR ORIENTAL LOVE-SONG.

### THE ROCKS.

I WAS a timid little antelope ;  
 My home was in the rocks, the lonely rocks.

I saw the hunters scouring on the plain ;  
 I lived among the rocks, the lonely rocks.

I was a-thirsty in the summer-heat ;  
 I ventured to the tents beneath the rocks.

Zuleikah brought me water from the well ;  
 Since then I have been faithless to the rocks

I saw her face reflected in the well ;  
 Her camels since have marched into the rocks.

I long to see her image in the well ;  
 I only see my eyes, my own sad eyes.  
 My mother is alone among the rocks.

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### THE MERRY BARD.

ZULEIKAH ! The young Agas in the bazaar are slim-waisted  
 and wear yellow slippers. I am old and hideous. One of my eyes  
 is out, and the hairs of my beard are mostly gray. Praise be to  
 Allah ! I am a merry bard.

There is a bird upon the terrace of the Emir's chief wife. Praise be to Allah! He has emeralds on his neck, and a ruby tail. I am a merry bard. He deafens me with his diabolical screaming.

There is a little brown bird in the basket-maker's cage. Praise be to Allah! He ravishes my soul in the moonlight. I am a merry bard.

The peacock is an Aga, but the little bird is a Bulbul.

I am a little brown Bulbul. Come and listen in the moonlight. Praise be to Allah! I am a merry bard.

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## THE CAÏQUE.

YONDER to the kiosk, beside the creek,  
Paddle the swift caïque.  
Thou brawny oarsman with the sun-burnt cheek,  
Quick! for it soothes my heart to hear the Bulbul speak.

Ferry me quickly to the Asian shores,  
Swift bending to your oars.  
Beneath the melancholy sycamores,  
Hark! what a ravishing note the love-lorn Bulbul pours.

Behold! the boughs seem quivering with delight,  
The stars themselves more bright,  
As mid the waving branches out of sight  
The Lover of the Rose sits singing through the night.

Under the boughs I sit and listened still,  
I could not have my fill.  
"How comes," I said, "such music to his bill?  
Tell me for whom he sings so beautiful a trill."

"Once I was dumb," then did the Bird disclose,  
"But looked upon the Rose;  
And in the garden where the loved one grows,  
I straightway did begin sweet music to compose."

“O bird of song, there’s one in this caique  
The Rose would also seek,  
So he might learn like you to love and speak.”  
Then answered me the bird of dusky beak,  
“The Rose, the Rose of Love blushes on Leilah’s cheek.”

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MY NORA.

BENEATH the gold acacia buds  
My gentle Nora sits and broods,  
Far, far away in Boston woods  
My gentle Nora!

I see the tear-drop in her e’e,  
Her bosom’s heaving tenderly;  
I know—I know she thinks of me,  
My darling Nora!

And where am I? My love, whilst thou  
Sitt’st sad beneath the acacia bough,  
Where pearl’s on neck, and wreath on brow,  
I stand, my Nora!

Mid carcanet and coronet,  
Where joy-lamps shine and flowers are set—  
Where England’s chivalry are met,  
Behold me, Nora!

In this strange scene of revelry,  
Amidst this gorgeous chivalry,  
A form I saw was like to thee,  
My love—my Nora!

She paused amidst her converse glad;  
The lady saw that I was sad,  
She pitied the poor lonely lad,—  
Dost love her, Nora?

In sooth, she is a lovely dame,  
A lip of red, and eye of flame,  
And clustering golden locks, the same  
As thine, dear Nora!



Her glance is softer than the dawn's,  
 Her foot is lighter than the fawn's,  
 Her breast is whiter than the swan's,  
 Or thine, my Nora !

Oh, gentle breast to pity me !  
 Oh, lovely Ladye Emily !  
 Till death--till death I'll think of thee—  
 Of thee and Nora !

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### TO MARY.

I SEEM, in the midst of the crowd,  
 The lightest of all ;  
 My laughter rings cheery and loud,  
 In banquet and ball.  
 My lip hath its smiles and its sneers,  
 For all men to see ;  
 But my soul, and my truth, and my tears,  
 Are for thee, are for thee !

Around me they flatter and fawn—  
 The young and the old,  
 The fairest are ready to pawn  
 Their hearts for my gold.  
 They sue me—I laugh as I spurn  
 The slaves at my knee ;  
 But in faith and in fondness I turn  
 Unto thee, unto thee !

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### SERENADE.

Now the toils of day are over,  
 And the sun hath sunk to rest,  
 Seeking, like a fiery lover,  
 The bosom of the blushing west—

The faithful night keeps watch and ward,  
Raising the moon her silver shield,  
And summoning the stars to guard  
The slumbers of my fair Mathilde !

The faithful night ! Now all things lie  
Hid by her mantle dark and dim,  
In pious hope I hither hie,  
And humbly chaunt mine ev'ning hymn.

Thou art my prayer, my saint, my shrine !  
(For never holy pilgrim kneel'd,  
Or wept at feet more pure than thine),  
My virgin love, my sweet Mathilde !

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*THE MINARET BELLS.*

TINK-A-TINK, tink-a-tink,  
By the light of the star,  
On the blue river's brink,  
I heard a guitar.

I heard a guitar,  
On the blue waters clear,  
And knew by its music,  
That Selim was near !

Tink-a-tink, tink-a-tink,  
How the soft music swells  
And I hear the soft clink  
Of the minaret bells !

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*COME TO THE GREENWOOD TREE.*

COME to the greenwood tree,  
Come where the dark woods be,  
Dearest, O come with me !  
Let us rove—O my love—O my love !

Come—'tis the moonlight hour,  
Dew is on leaf and flower,  
Come to the linden bower,—  
Let us rove—O my love—O my love !

Dark is the wood, and wide :  
Dangers, they say, betide ;  
But, at my Albert's side,  
Nought I fear, O my love—O my love !

Welcome the greenwood tree,  
Welcome the forest free,  
Dearest, with thee, with thee,  
Nought I fear, O my love—O my love



# FIVE GERMAN DITTIES.

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## *A TRAGIC STORY.*

BY ADELBERT VON CHAMISSO.

“——’s war Einer, dem’s zu Herzen gieng.”

THERE lived a sage in days of yore  
And he a handsome pigtail wore ;  
But wondered much and sorrowed more  
Because it hung behind him.

He mused upon this curious case,  
And swore he’d change the pigtail’s place,  
And have it hanging at his face,  
Not dangling there behind him.

Says he, “The mystery I’ve found,—  
I’ll turn me round,”—he turned him round ;  
But still it hung behind him.

Then round, and round, and out and in,  
All day the puzzled sage did spin ;  
In vain—it mattered not a pin,—  
The pigtail hung behind him.

And right, and left, and round about,  
And up, and down, and in, and out,  
He turned ; but still the pigtail stout  
Hung steadily behind him.

And though his efforts never slack,  
 And though he twist, and twirl, and tack-  
 The pigtail hangs behind him.

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*THE CHAPLET.*

FROM UHLAND.

“Es pflückte Blümlein mannigat.”

A LITTLE girl through field and wood  
 Went plucking flowerets here and there,  
 When suddenly beside her stood  
 A lady wondrous fair!

The lovely lady smiled, and laid  
 A wreath upon the maiden's brow;  
 “Wear it, 'twill blossom soon,” she said,  
 “Although 'tis leafless now.”

The little maiden older grew  
 And wandered forth of moonlight eves,  
 And sighed and loved as maids will do;  
 When, lo! her wreath bore leaves.

Then was our maid a wife, and hung  
 Upon a joyful bridegroom's bosom;  
 When from the garland's leaves there sprung  
 Fair store of blossom.

And presently a baby fair  
 Upon her gentle breast she reared;  
 When midst the wreath that bound her hair  
 Rich golden fruit appeared.

But when her love lay cold in death,  
 Sunk in the black and silent tomb,  
 All sere and withered was the wreath  
 That won so bright to bloom.

Yet still the withered wreath she wore ;  
She wore it at her dying hour ;  
When, lo ! the wondrous garland bore  
Both leaf, and fruit, and flower !

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## THE KING ON THE TOWER.

FROM UHLAND.

“Da liegen sie alle, die grauen Höhen.”

THE cold gray hills they bind me round,  
The darksome valleys lie sleeping below,  
But the winds as they pass o'er all this ground,  
Bring me never a sound of woe !

Oh ! for all I have suffered and striven,  
Care has embittered my cup and my feast ;  
But here is the night and the dark blue heaven,  
And my soul shall be at rest.

O golden legends writ in the skies !  
I turn towards you with longing soul,  
And list to the awful harmonies  
Of the Spheres as on they roll.

My hair is gray and my sight nigh gone ;  
My sword it rusteth upon the wall ;  
Right have I spoken, and right have I done :  
When shall I rest me once for all ?

O blessed rest ! O royal night !  
Wherefore seemeth the time so long  
Till I see yon stars in their fullest light,  
And list to their loudest song ?



*ON A VERY OLD WOMAN.*

LA MOTTE FOUQUE.

“Und Du gingst einst, die Myrt’ im Haare.”

AND thou wert once a maiden fair,  
 A blushing virgin warm and young:  
 With myrtles wreathed in golden hair,  
 And glossy brow that knew no care—  
 Upon a bridegroom’s arm you hung.

The golden locks are silvered now,  
 The blushing cheek is pale and wan;  
 The spring may bloom, the autumn glow,  
 All’s one—in chimney corner thou  
 Sitt’st shivering on.—

A moment—and thou sink’st to rest!  
 To wake perhaps an angel blest,  
 In the bright presence of thy Lord.  
 Oh, weary is life’s path to all!  
 Hard is the strife, and light the fall,  
 But wondrous the reward!

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*A CREDO.*

## I.

FOR the sole edification  
 Of this decent congregation,  
 Goodly people, by your grant  
 I will sing a holy chant—  
 I will sing a holy chant.  
 If the ditty sound but oddly,  
 ’Twas a father, wise and godly,

Sang it so long ago—  
 Then sing as Martin Luther sang,  
 As Doctor Martin Luther sang :  
 “ Who loves not wine, woman and song,  
 He is a fool his whole life long ! ”

## II.

He, by custom patriarchal,  
 Loved to see the beaker sparkle ;  
 And he thought the wine improved,  
 Tasted by the lips he loved—  
     By the kindly lips he loved.  
 Friends, I wish this custom pious  
 Duly were observed by us,  
     To combine love, song, wine,  
 And sing as Martin Luther sang,  
 As Doctor Martin Luther sang :  
 “ Who loves not wine, woman and song,  
 He is a fool his whole life long ! ”

## III.

Who refuses this our Credo,  
 And who will not sing as we do,  
 Were he holy as John Knox,  
 I'd pronounce him heterodox !  
     I'd pronounce him heterodox,  
 And from out this congregation,  
 With a solemn commination,  
     Banish quick the heretic,  
 Who will not sing as Luther sang,  
 As Doctor Martin Luther sang :  
 “ Who loves not wine, woman and song,  
 He is a fool his whole life long ! ”

# FOUR IMITATIONS OF BERANGER.

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## *LE ROI D'YVETOT.*

IL était un roi d'Yvetot,  
Peu connu dans l'histoire ;  
Se levant tard, se couchant tôt,  
Dormant fort bien sans gloire,  
Et couronné par Jeanneton  
D'un simple bonnet de coton,  
Dit-on.

Oh ! oh ! oh ! oh ! ah ! ah ! ah ! ah !  
Quel bon petit roi c'était là !  
La, la.

Il fesait ses quatre repas  
Dans son palais de chaume,  
Et sur un âne, pas à pas,  
Parcourait son royaume.  
Joyeux, simple et croyant le bien,  
Pour toute garde il n'avait rien  
Qu'un chien.

Oh ! oh ! oh ! oh ! ah ! ah ! ah ! ah ! &c.

Il n'avait de goût onéreux  
Qu'une soif un peu vive ;  
Mais, en rendant son peuple heureux,  
Il faut bien qu'un roi vive.  
Lui-même à table, et sans suppôt,  
Sur chaque muid levait un pot  
D'impôt.

Oh ! oh ! oh ! oh ! ah ! ah ! ah ! ah ! &c.



Aux filles de bonnes maisons  
 Comme il avait su plaire,  
 Ses sujets avaient cent raisons  
 De le nommer leur père :  
 D'ailleurs il ne levait de ban  
 Que pour tirer quatre fois l'an  
 Au blanc.

Oh ! oh ! oh ! oh ! ah ! ah ! ah ! ah ! &c.

Il n'agrandit point ses états,  
 Fut un voisin commode,  
 Et, modèle des potentats,  
 Prit le plaisir pour code.  
 Ce n'est que lorsqu'il expira,  
 Que le peuple qui l'enterra  
 Pleura.

Oh ! oh ! oh ! oh ! ah ! ah ! ah ! ah ! &c.

On conserve encor le portrait  
 De ce digne et bon prince ;  
 C'est l'enseigne d'un cabaret  
 Fameux dans la province.  
 Les jours de fête, bien souvent,  
 La foule s'écrie en buvant  
 Devant :

Oh ! oh ! oh ! oh ! ah ! ah ! ah ! ah ! &c.

## THE KING OF YVETOT.

THERE was a king of Yvetot,  
 Of whom renown hath little said,  
 Who let all thoughts of glory go,  
 And dawdled half his days a-bed ;  
 And every night, as night came round,  
 By Jenny, with a nightcap crowned,  
 Slept very sound :  
 Sing ho, ho, ho ! and he, he, he !  
 That's the kind of king for me.

And every day it came to pass,  
 That four lusty meals made he ;  
 And, step by step, upon an ass,  
 Rode abroad, his realms to see ;  
 And wherever he did stir,  
 What think you was his escort, sir ?  
                                 Why, an old cur.  
 Sing ho, ho, ho ! &c.

If e'er he went into excess,  
 'Twas from a somewhat lively thirst ;  
 But he who would his subjects bless,  
 Odd's fish !—must wet his whistle first ;  
 And so from every cask they got,  
 Our king did to himself allot,  
                                 At least a pot.  
 Sing ho, ho ! &c.

To all the ladies of the land,  
 A courteous king, and kind, was he ;  
 The reason why you'll understand,  
 They named him Pater Patriæ.  
 Each year he called his fighting men,  
 And marched a league from home, and then  
                                 Marched back again.  
 Sing ho, ho ! &c.

Neither by force nor false pretence,  
 He sought to make his kingdom great,  
 And made (O princes, learn from hence)—  
 “ Live and let live,” his rule of state.  
 'Twas only when he came to die,  
 That his people who stood by,  
                                 Were known to cry.  
 Sing ho, ho ! &c.

The portrait of this best of kings  
 Is extant still, upon a sign  
 That on a village tavern swings,  
 Famed in the country for good wine.

The people in their Sunday trim,  
Filling their glasses to the brim,  
Look up to him,  
Singing ha, ha, ha ! and he, he, he !  
That's the sort of king for me.

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*THE KING OF BRENTFORD.*

## ANOTHER VERSION.

THERE was a king in Brentford,—of whom no legends tell,  
But who, without his glory,—could eat and sleep right well.  
His Polly's cotton nightcap,—it was his crown of state,  
He slept of evenings early,—and rose of mornings late.

All in a fine mud palace,—each day he took four meals,  
And for a guard of honor,—a dog ran at his heels.  
Sometimes, to a view his kingdoms,—rode forth this monarch good,  
And then a prancing jackass—he royally bestrode.

There were no costly habits—with which this king was curst,  
Except (and where's the harm on't ?)—a somewhat lively thirst ;  
But people must pay taxes,—and kings must have their sport,  
So out of every gallon—His Grace he took a quart.

He pleased the ladies round him,—with manners soft and bland ;  
With reason good, they named him,—the father of his land.  
Each year his mighty armies—marched forth in gallant show ;  
Their enemies were targets,—their bullets they were tow.

He vexed no quiet neighbor,—no useless conquest made,  
But by the laws of pleasure,—his peaceful realm he swayed.  
And in the years he reigned,—through all this country wide,  
There was no cause for weeping,—save when the good man died.

The faithful men of Brentford,—do still their king deplore,  
His portrait yet is swinging,—beside an alehouse door.  
And toppers, tender-hearted,—regard his honest phiz,  
And envy times departed,—that knew a reign like his.



*LE GRENIER.*

JE viens revoir l'asile où ma jeunesse  
De la misère a subi les leçons.  
J'avais vingt ans, une folle maîtresse,  
De francs amis et l'amour des chansons.  
Bravant le monde et les sots et les sages,  
Sans avenir, riche de mon printemps,  
Leste et joyeux je montais six étages,  
Dans un grenier qu'on est bien à vingt ans !

C'est un grenier, point ne veux qu'on l'ignore,  
Là fut mon lit, bien chétif et bien dur ;  
Là fut ma table ; et je retrouve encore  
Trois pieds d'un vers charbonnés sur le mur.  
Apparaissez, plaisirs de mon bel âge,  
Que d'un coup d'aile a fustigés le temps,  
Vingt fois pour vous j'ai mis ma montre en gage.  
Dans un grenier qu'on est bien à vingt ans !

Lisette ici doit surtout apparaître,  
Vive, jolie, avec un frais chapeau ;  
Déjà sa main à l'étroite fenêtre  
Suspend son schal, en guise de rideau.  
Sa robe aussi va parer ma couchette ;  
Respecte, Amour, ses plis longs et flottans.  
J'ai su depuis qui payait sa toilette  
Dans un grenier qu'on est bien à vingt ans !

A table un jour, jour de grande richesse,  
De mes amis les voix brillaient en chœur,  
Quand jusqu'ici monte un cri d'allégresse :  
A Marengo Bonaparte est vainqueur.  
Le canon gronde : un autre chant commence ;  
Nous célébrons tant de faits éclatans.  
Les rois jamais n'envahiront la France.  
Dans un grenier qu'on est bien à vingt ans !

Quittons ce toit où ma raison s'enivre.  
 Oh ! qu'ils sont loin ces jours si regrettés !  
 J'échangerais ce qu'il me reste à vivre  
 Contre un des mois qu'ici Dieu m'a comptés,  
 Pour rêver gloire, amour, plaisir, folie,  
 Pour dépenser sa vie en peu d'instans,  
 D'un long espoir pour la voir embellie,  
 Dans un grenier qu'on est bien à vingt ans !

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### THE GARRET.

WITH pensive eyes the little room I view,  
 Where, in my youth, I weathered it so long ;  
 With a wild mistress, a stanch friend or two,  
 And a light heart still breaking into song :  
 Making a mock of life, and all its cares,  
 Rich in the glory of my rising sun,  
 Lightly I vaulted up four pair of stairs,  
 In the brave days when I was twenty-one.

Yes ; 'tis a garret—let him know't who will—  
 There was my bed—full hard it was and small ;  
 My table there—and I decipher still  
 Half a lame couplet charcoaled on the wall.  
 He joys, that Time hath swept with him away,  
 Come to mine eyes, ye dreams of love and fun ;  
 For you I pawned my watch how many a day,  
 In the brave days when I was twenty-one.

And see my little Jessy, first of all ;  
 She comes with pouting lips and sparkling eyes :  
 Behold, how roguishly she pins her shawl  
 Across the narrow casement, curtain-wise ;  
 Now by the bed her petticoat glides down,  
 And when did woman look the worse in none ?  
 I have heard since who paid for many a gown,  
 In the brave days when I was twenty-one.

One jolly evening, when my friends and I  
 Made happy music with our songs and cheers,  
 A shout of triumph mounted up thus high,  
 And distant cannon opened on our ears :  
 We rise,—we join in the triumphant strain,—  
 Napoleon conquers—Austerlitz is won—  
 Tyrants shall never tread us down again,  
 In the brave days when I was twenty-one.

Let us begone—the place is sad and strange—  
 How far, far off, these happy times appear ;  
 All that I have to live I'd gladly change  
 For one such month as I have wasted here—  
 To draw long dreams of beauty, love, and power,  
 From founts of hope that never will outrun,  
 And drink all life's quintessence in an hour,  
 Give me the days when I was twenty-one !

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*ROGER-BONTEMPS.*

AUX gens atrabilaires  
 Pour exemple donné,  
 En un temps de misères  
 Roger-Bontemps est né.  
 Vivre obscur à sa guise,  
 Narguer les mécontents ;  
 Eh gai ! c'est la devise  
 Du gros Roger-Bontemps.

Du chapeau de son père  
 Coiffé dans les grands jours,  
 De roses ou de lierre  
 Le rajeunir toujours ;  
 Mettre un manteau de bure,  
 Vieil ami de vingt ans ;  
 Eh gai ! c'est la parure  
 Du gros Roger-Bontemps.



Posséder dans sa hutte  
Une table, un vieux lit,  
Des cartes, une flûte,  
Un broc que Dieu remplit;  
Un portrait de maîtresse,  
Un coffre et rien dedans;  
Eh gai ! c'est la richesse  
Du gros Roger-Bontemps.

Aux enfans de la ville  
Montrer de petits jeux;  
Etre fesseur habile  
De contes graveleux;  
Ne parler que de danse  
Et d'almanachs chantans:  
Eh gai ! c'est la science  
Du gros Roger-Bontemps.

Faute de vins d'élite,  
Sabler ceux du canton:  
Préférer Marguerite  
Aux dames du grand ton:  
De joie et de tendresse  
Remplir tous ses instans:  
Eh gai ! c'est la sagesse  
Du gros Roger-Bontemps.

Dire au ciel: Je me fie,  
Mon père, à ta bonté;  
De ma philosophie  
Pardonne le gaîté:  
Que ma saison dernière  
Soit encore un printemps;  
Eh gai ! c'est la prière  
Du gros Roger-Bontemps.

Vous pauvres pleins d'envie,  
Vous riches désireux,  
Vous, dont le char dévie  
Après un cours heureux;  
Vous, qui perdrez peut-être  
Des titres éclatans,  
Eh gai ! prenez pour maître  
Le gros Roger-Bontemps.

*JOLLY JACK.*

WHEN fierce political debate  
Throughout the isle was storming,  
And Rads attacked the throne and state,  
And Tories the reforming,  
To calm the furious rage of each,  
And right the land demented,  
Heaven sent us Jolly Jack, to teach  
The way to be contented.

Jack's bed was straw, 'twas warm and soft,  
His chair, a three-legged stool ;  
His broken jug was emptied oft,  
Yet, somehow, always full.  
His mistress' portrait decked the wall,  
His mirror had a crack ;  
Yet, gay and glad, though this was all  
His wealth, lived Jolly Jack.

To give advice to avarice,  
Teach pride its mean condition,  
And preach good sense to dull pretence,  
Was honest Jack's high mission.  
Our simple statesman found this rule  
Of moral in the flagon,  
And held his philosophic school  
Beneath the "George and Dragon."

When village Solons cursed the Lords,  
And called the malt-tax sinful,  
Jack heeded not their angry words,  
But smiled and drank his skinful.  
And when men wasted health and life,  
In search of rank and riches,  
Jack marked aloof the paltry strife,  
And wore his threadbare breeches.

"I enter not the church," he said,  
"But I'll not seek to rob it ;"  
So worthy Jack Joe Miller read,  
While others studied Cobbett.  
His talk it was of feast and fun ;  
His guide the Almanac ;  
From youth to age thus gayly run  
The life of Jolly Jack.

And when Jack prayed, as oft he would,  
He humbly thanked his Maker ;  
"I am," said he, "O Father good !  
Nor Catholic nor Quaker :  
Give each his creed, let each proclaim  
His catalogue of curses ;  
I trust in Thee, and not in them,  
In Thee, and in Thy mercies !

"Forgive me if, midst all thy works  
No hint I see of damning ;  
And think there's faith among the Turks,  
And hope for e'en the Brahmin.  
Harmless my mind is, and my mirth,  
And kindly is my laughter ;  
I cannot see the smiling earth,  
And think there's hell hereafter."

Jack died ; he left no legacy,  
Save that his story teaches :—  
Content to peevish poverty ;  
Humility to riches.  
Ye scornful great, ye envious small,  
Come follow in his track ;  
We all were happier, if we all  
Would copy JOLLY JACK.



# IMITATION OF HORACE.

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## *TO HIS SERVING BOY.*

PERSICOS odi,  
Puer, apparatus :  
Displicent nexæ  
Philyrâ coronæ :  
Mitte sectari,  
Rosa quo locorum  
Sera moretur.

Simplici myrto  
Nihil allabores  
Sedulus, curo :  
Neque te ministrum  
Dedecet myrtus,  
Neque me sub arctâ  
Vite bibentem.

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## *AD MINISTRAM.*

DEAR Lucy, you know what my wish is  
I hate all your Frenchified fuss :  
Your silly entrées and made dishes  
Were never intended for us.  
No footman in lace and in ruffles  
Need dangle behind my arm-chair ;  
And never mind seeking for truffles,  
Although they be ever so rare.

But a plain leg of mutton, my Lucy,  
I prithee get ready at three :  
Have it smoking, and tender and juicy,  
And what better meat can there be ?  
And when it has feasted the master,  
'Twill amply suffice for the maid ;  
Meanwhile I will smoke my canaster,  
And tipple my ale in the shade.

# OLD FRIENDS WITH NEW FACES.

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## *THE KNIGHTLY GUERDON. \**

UNTRUE to my Ulric I never could be,  
I vow by the saints and the blessed Marie,  
Since the desolate hour when we stood by the shore,  
And your dark galley waited to carry you o'er :  
My faith then I plighted, my love I confess'd,  
As I gave you the BATTLE-AXE marked with your crest !

When the bold barons met in my father's old hall,  
Was not Edith the flower of the banquet and ball ?  
In the festival hour, on the lips of your bride,  
Was there ever a smile save with THEE at my side ?  
Alone in my turret I loved to sit best,  
To blazon your BANNER and broider your crest.

### " WAPPING OLD STAIRS.

" Your Molly has never been false, she declares,  
Since the last time we parted at Wapping Old Stairs ;  
When I said that I would continue the same,  
And gave you the 'bacco-box marked with my name.  
When I passed a whole fortnight between decks with you,  
Did I e'er give a kiss, Tom, to one of your crew ?  
To be useful and kind to my Thomas I stay'd,  
For his trousers I washed, and his grog too I made.

" Though you promised last Sunday to walk in the Mall  
With Susan from Deptford, and likewise with Sall,  
In silence I stood your unkindness to hear,  
And only upbraided my Tom with a tear.  
Why should Sall, or should Susan, than me be more prized ?  
For the heart that is true, Tom, should ne'er be despised ;  
Then be constant and kind, nor your Molly forsake,  
Still your trousers I'll wash and your grog too I'll make."



The knights were assembled, the tourney was gay!  
 Sir Ulric rode first in the warrior-mêlée.  
 In the dire battle-hour, when the tourney was done,  
 And you gave to another the wreath you had won!  
 Though I never reproached thee, cold, cold was my breast,  
 As I thought of that BATTLE-AXE, ah! and that cret!

But away with remembrance, no more will I pine  
 That others usurped for a time what was mine!  
 There's a FESTIVAL HOUR for my Ulric and me:  
 Once more, as of old, shall he bend at my knee;  
 Once more by the side of the knight I love best  
 Shall I blazon his BANNER and broider his crest.

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THE ALMACK'S ADIEU.

YOUR Fanny was never false-hearted,  
 And this she protests and she vows,  
 From the *triste moment* when we parted  
 On the staircase of Devonshire House!  
 I blushed when you asked me to marry,  
 I vowed I would never forget;  
 And at parting I gave my dear Harry  
 A beautiful vinegarette!

We spent *en province* all December,  
 And I ne'er condescended to look  
 At Sir Charles, or the rich county member,  
 Or even at that darling old Duke.  
 You were busy with dogs and with horses.  
 Alone in my chamber I sat,  
 And made you the nicest of purses,  
 And the smartest black satin cravat!

At night with that vile Lady Frances  
 (*Je faisais moi tapisserie*)  
 You danced every one of the dances,  
 And never once thought of poor me!  
*Mon pauvre petit cœur!* what a shiver  
 I felt as she danced the last set;  
 And you gave, O mon Dieu! to revive her  
 My beautiful vinegarette!

Return, love ! away with coquetting ;  
 This flirting disgraces a man !  
 And ah ! all the while you're forgetting  
 The heart of your poor little Fan !  
*Reviens !* break away from those Circes,  
*Reviens*, for a nice little chat ;  
 And I've made you the sweetest of purses,  
 And a lovely black satin cravat !

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### WHEN THE GLOOM IS ON THE GLEN

WHEN the moonlight's on the mountain  
 And the gloom is on the glen,  
 At the cross beside the fountain ;  
 There is one will meet you then  
 At the cross beside the fountain ;  
 Yes, the cross beside the fountain,  
 There is one will meet thee then !

I have braved, since first we met, love,  
 Many a danger in my course ;  
 But I never can forget, love,  
 That dear fountain, that old cross,  
 Where, her mantle shrouded o'er her—  
 For the winds were chilly then—  
 First I met my Leonora,  
 When the gloom was on the glen.

Many a clime I've ranged since then, love,  
 Many a land I've wandered o'er ;  
 But a valley like that glen, love,  
 Half so dear I never sor !  
 Ne'er saw maiden fairer, coyer,  
 Than wert thou, my true love, when  
 In the gloaming first I saw yer,  
 In the gloaming of the glen !

*THE RED FLAG.*

WHERE the quivering lightning flings  
His arrows from out the clouds,  
And the howling tempest sings  
And whistles among the shrouds,  
'Tis pleasant, 'tis pleasant to ride  
Along the foaming brine—  
Wilt be the Rover's bride?  
Wilt follow him, lady mine?  
Hurrah!  
For the bonny, bonny brine.

Amidst the storm and rack,  
You shall see our galley pass,  
As a serpent, lithe and black,  
Glides through the waving grass.  
As the vulture swift and dark,  
Down on the ring-dove flies,  
You shall see the Rover's bark  
Swoop down upon his prize.  
Hurrah!  
For the bonny, bonny prize.

Over her sides we dash,  
We gallop across her deck—  
Ha! there's a ghastly gash  
On the merchant-captain's neck—  
Well shot, well shot, old Ned!  
Well struck, well struck, black James!  
Our arms are red, and our foes are dead,  
And we leave a ship in flames!  
Hurrah!  
For the bonny, bonny flames!



*DEAR JACK.*


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DEAR JACK, this white mug that with Guinness I fill,  
 And drink to the health of sweet Nan of the Hill,  
 Was once Tommy Tossput's, as jovial a sot  
 As e'er drew a spigot, or drain'd a full pot—  
 In drinking all round 'twas his joy to surpass,  
 And with all merry tipplers he swigg'd off his glass.

One morning in summer, while seated so snug,  
 In the porch of his garden, discussing his jug,  
 Stern Death, on a sudden, to Tom did appear,  
 And said, "Honest Thomas, come take your last bier."  
 We kneaded his clay in the shape of this can,  
 From which let us drink to the health of my Nan.

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*COMMANDERS OF THE FAITHFUL*

THE Pope he is a happy man,  
 His Palace in the Vatican,  
 And there he sits and drains his can :  
 The Pope he is a happy man.  
 I often say when I'm at home,  
 I'd like to be the Pope of Rome.

And then there's Sultan Saladin,  
 That Turkish Soldan full of sin ;  
 He has a hundred wives at least,  
 By which his pleasure is increased ;  
 I've often wished, I hope no sin,  
 That I were Sultan Saladin.

But no, the Pope no wife may choose,  
 And so I would not wear his shoes ;  
 No wine may drink the proud Paynim,  
 And so I'd rather not be him :  
 My wife, my wine, I love, I hope,  
 And would be neither Turk nor Pope.

*WHEN MOONLIKE ORE THE HAZURE SEAS.*

WHEN moonlike ore the hazure seas  
In soft effulgence swells,  
When silver jews and balmy breaze  
Bend down the Lily's bells ;  
When calm and deap, the rosy sleap  
Has lapt your soal in dreems,  
R Hangeline ! R lady mine !  
Dost thou remember Jeames ?

I mark thee in the Marble All,  
Where England's loveliest shine—  
I say the fairest of them hall  
Is Lady Hangeline.  
My soul, in desolate eclipse,  
With recollection teems—  
And then I hask, with weeping lips,  
Dost thou remember Jeames ?

Away ! I may not tell thee hall  
This soughring heart endures—  
There is a lonely sperrit-call  
That Sorrow never cures ;  
There is a little, little Star,  
That still above me beams ;  
It is the Star of Hope—but ar !  
Dost thou remember Jeames ?

# THE LEGEND OF ST. SOPHIA OF KIOFF.

AN EPIC POEM, IN TWENTY BOOKS.

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## I.

The Poet  
describes the  
city and spelling  
of Kiow, Kioff,  
or Kiova.

A THOUSAND years ago, or more,  
A city filled with burghers stout,  
And girt with ramparts round about,  
Stood on the rocky Dnieper shore.  
In armor bright, by day and night,  
The sentries they paced to and fro.  
Well guarded and walled was this town, and called  
By different names, I'd have you to know  
For if you looks in the g'ography books,  
In those dictionaries the name it varies,  
And they write it off Kieff or Kioff,  
Kiova or Kiow.

## II.

Its buildings,  
public works,  
and ordinances,  
religious and  
civil.

Thus guarded without by wall and redoubt,  
Kiova within was a place of renown,  
With more advantages than in those dark ages  
Were commonly known to belong to a town.  
There were places and squares, and each year four  
fairs,  
And regular aldermen and regular lord mayors;  
And streets, and alleys, and a bishop's palace;  
(255)



And a church with clocks for the orthodox—  
 With clocks and with spires, as religion desires;  
 And beadles to whip the bad little boys  
 Over their poor little corduroys,  
 In service-time, when they *didn't* make a noise;  
 And a chapter and dean, and a cathedral-green  
 With ancient trees, underneath whose shades  
 Wandered nice young nursery-maids.  
 Ding-dong, ding-dong, ding-ding-a-ring-ding,  
 The bells they made a merry merry ring,  
 From the tall tall steeple; and all the people  
 (Except the Jews) came and filled the pews—  
     Poles, Russians and Germans,  
     To hear the sermons  
 Which HYACINTH preached to those Germans and  
     Poles,  
     For the safety of their souls.

The poet shows  
 how a certain  
 priest dwelt at  
 Kioff, a godly  
 clergyman, and  
 one that preached  
 rare good  
 sermons.

## III.

A worthy priest he was and a stout—  
 You've seldom looked on such a one;  
 For, though he fasted thrice in a week,  
 Yet nevertheless his skin was sleek;  
 His waist it spanned two yards about  
 And he weighed a score of stone.

How this priest  
 was short and fat  
 of body;

## IV.

A worthy priest for fasting and prayer  
 And mortification most deserving;  
 And as for preaching beyond compare,  
 He'd exert his powers for three or four hours,  
 With greater pith than Sydney Smith  
 Or the Reverend Edward Irving.

And like unto the  
 author of  
 "Plymley's  
 Letters."

## V.

He was the prior of Saint Sophia  
 (A Cockney rhyme, but no better I know)-  
 Of St. Sophia, that Church in Kiow,  
     Built by missionaries I can't tell when;  
 Who by their discussions converted the Russians  
 And made them Christian men.

Of what convent  
 he was prior,  
 and when the  
 convent was  
 built.

## VI.

Of Saint Sophia  
of Kioff ; and  
how her statue  
miraculously  
travelled  
thither.

Sainted Sophia (so the legend vows)  
With special favor did regard this house ,  
And to uphold h'er converts' new devotion  
Her statue (needing but her legs for *her* ship)  
Walks of itself across the German Ocean .  
And of a sudden perches  
In this the best of churches,  
Whither all Kiovites come and pay it grateful worship.

## VII.

And how Kioff  
should have  
been a happy  
city ; but that

Thus with h'er patron-saints and pious preachers  
Recorded here in catalogue precise,  
A goodly city, worthy magistrates,  
You would have thought in all the Russian states  
The citizens the happiest of all creatures,—  
The town itself a perfect Paradise.

## VIII.

Certain wicked  
Cossacks did  
besiege it,

No, alas ! this well-built city  
Was in a perpetual fidget ;  
For the Tartars, without pity,  
Did remorselessly besiege it.

Tartars fierce, with sword and sabres,  
Huns and Turks, and such as these,  
Envied much their peaceful neighbors  
By the blue Borysthenes.

Murdering the  
citizens,

Down they came, these ruthless Russians,  
From their steppes, and woods, and fens,  
For to levy contributions  
On the peaceful citizens.

Winter, Summer, Spring, and Autumn,  
Down they came to peaceful Kioff,  
Killed the burghers when they caught 'em,  
If their lives they would not buy off.

Until they agreed  
to pay a tribute  
yearly.

Till the city, quite confounded  
By the ravages they made,  
Humbly with their chief compounded,  
And a yearly tribute paid.

Which (because their courage lax was)  
 They discharged while they were able .  
 Tolerated thus the tax was,  
 Till it grew intolerable,

How they paid  
 the tribute, and  
 then suddenly  
 refused it,

And the Calmuc envoy sent,  
 As before to take their dues all,  
 Got to his astonishment,  
 A unanimous refusal !

To the wonder  
 of the Cossack  
 envoy.

“Men of Kioff!” thus courageous  
 Did the stout lord-mayor harangue them,  
 ‘Wherefore pay these sneaking wages  
 To the hectoring Russians ? hang them!

Of a mighty gal-  
 lant speech

“Hark ! I hear the awful cry of  
 Our forefathers in their graves ;  
 “ ‘Fight, ye citizens of Kioff !  
 Kioff was not made for slaves.’

That the lord  
 mayor made,

“All too long have ye betrayed her ,  
 Rouse, ye men and aldermen,  
 Send the insolent invader—  
 Send him starving back again.”

Exhorting the  
 burghers to pay  
 no longer.

## IX.

He spoke and he sat down ; the people of the town,  
 Who were fired with a brave emulation,  
 Now rose with one accord, and voted thanks unto the  
 lord-  
 Mayor for his oration :

Of their thanks  
 and heroic  
 resolves.

The envoy they dismissed, never placing in his fist  
 So much as a single shilling ;  
 And all with courage fired, as his lordship he desired,  
 At once set about their drilling.

They dismiss the  
 envoy, and set  
 about drilling.

Then every city ward established a guard,  
 Diurnal and nocturnal :  
 Militia volunteers, light dragoons, and bombardiers,  
 With an alderman for Colonel.

Of the City  
 guard : viz.  
 militia, dragoons,  
 and bombardiers,  
 and their com-  
 manders.



There was muster and roll-calls, and repairing city  
walls,

And filling up of fosses :

Of the majors  
and captains,

And the captains and the majors, so gallant and  
courageous,

A-riding about on their hosses.

The fortifica-  
tions and  
artillery.

To be guarded at all hours they built themselves watch  
towers,

With every tower a man on ;

And surely and secure, each from out his embrasure,  
Looked down the iron cannon !

A battle-song was writ for the theatre, where it

Was sung with vast énérgy

Of the conduct  
of the actors  
and the clergy.

And rapturous applause ; and besides, the public cause  
Was supported by the clergy.

The pretty ladies'-maids were pinning of cockades,

And trying on of sashes ;

And dropping gentle tears, while their lovers bluster'd  
fierce,

About gun-shot and gashes ;

Of the ladies ;

The ladies took the hint, and all day were scraping  
lint,

As became their softer genders ;

And got bandages and beds for the limbs and for the  
heads

Of the city's brave defenders.

The men, both young and old, felt resolute and bold,

And panted hot for glory ;

And, finally, of  
the taylors.

Even the taylors 'gan to brag, and embroidered on  
their flag,

“AUT WINCERE AUT MORI.”

# X.

Of the Cossack  
chief,—his  
stratagem ;

Seeing the city's resolute condition,

The Cossack chief, too cunning to despise it,

Said to himself, “Not having ammunition

Wherewith to batter the place in proper form,

Some of these nights I'll carry it by storm,

And sudden escalate it or surprise it.

"Let's see, however, if the cits stand firmish."

He rode up to the city gates ; for answers,  
Out rushed an eager troop of the town *élite*,  
And straightway did begin a gallant skirmish :  
The Cossack hereupon did sound retreat,  
Leaving the victory with the city lancers.

And the bur-  
ghers' sillie  
victorie.

They took two prisoners and as many horses,  
And the whole town grew quickly so elate  
With this small victory of their virgin forces,  
That they did deem their privates and commanders  
So many Cæsars, Pompeys, Alexanders,  
Napoleons, or Fredericks the Great.

That prisoners  
they took,

And puffing with inordinate conceit  
They utterly despised these Cossack thieves ;  
And thought the ruffians easier to beat  
Than porters carpets think, or ushers boys.  
Meanwhile, a sly spectator of their joys,  
The Cossack captain giggled in his sleeves

And how conceit  
ed they were.

"Whene'er you meet yon stupid city hogs "  
(He bade his troops precise this order keep),  
"D' n't stand a moment—run away, you dogs !"  
'Twas done ; and when they met the town battalions,  
The Cossacks, as if frightened at their valiance,  
Turned tail, and bolted like so many sheep.

Of the Cossack  
chief,—his  
orders ;

They fled, obedient to their captain's order :  
And now this bloodless siege a month had lasted,  
When, viewing the country round, the city warder  
(Who, like a faithful weathercock, did perch  
Upon the steeple of St. Sophy's church),  
Sudden his trumpet took, and a mighty blast he  
blasted.

And how he  
feigned a  
retreat.

His voice it might be heard through all the streets  
(He was a warder wondrous strong in lung),  
"Victory, victory ! the foe retreats !"  
"The foe retreats !" each cries to each he meets ;  
"The foe retreats !" each in his turn repeats.

The warder pro-  
claims the Cos-  
sacks' retreat,  
and the citie  
greatly rejoyces.

Gods ! how the guns did roar, and how the joy-  
bells rung !

Arming in haste his gallant city lancers,  
 The mayor, to learn if true the news might be,  
 A league or two out issued with his prancers.  
 The Cossacks (something had given their courage  
 a damper)  
 Hastened their flight, and 'gan like mad to scamper :  
 Blessed be all the saints, Kiova town was free !

## XI.

Now, puffed with pride, the mayor grew vain,  
 Fought all his battles o'er again ;  
 And thrice he routed all his foes, and thrice he slew  
 the slain.

'Tis true he might amuse himself thus,  
 And not be very murderous ;  
 For as of those who to death were done  
 The number was exactly *none*,  
 His lordship, in his soul's elation,  
 Did take a bloodless recreation—  
 Going home again, he did ordain  
 A very splendid cold collation  
 For the magistrates and the corporation ;  
 Likewise a grand illumination,  
 For the amusement of the nation.  
 That night the theatres were free,  
 The conduits they ran Malvoisie ;  
 Each house that night did beam with light  
 And sound with mirth and jollity :

The manner of  
 the citie's re-  
 joycings,

And its impiety. But shame, O shame ! not a soul in the town,  
 Now the city was safe and the Cossacks flown,  
 Ever thought of the bountiful saint by whose care  
 The town had been rid of these terrible Turks—  
 Said even a prayer to that patroness fair,  
 For these her wondrous works !

How the priest,  
 Hyacinth  
 waited at  
 church, and  
 nobody came  
 thither.

Lord Hyacinth waited, the meekest of priors—  
 He waited at church with the rest of his friars ;  
 He went there at noon and he waited till ten,  
 Expecting in vain the lord-mayor and his men.

He waited and waited from mid-day to dark ;  
 But in vain—you might search through the whole of  
 the church,



Not a layman, alas ! to the city's disgrace,  
From mid-day to dark showed his nose in the place.

The pew-woman, organist, beadle, and clerk,  
Kept away from their work, and were dancing like  
mad

Away in the streets with the other mad people,  
Not thinking to pray, but to guzzle and tipple  
Wherever the drink might be had.

## XII.

Amidst this din and revelry throughout the city roaring, How he went  
forth to bid  
them to prayer.  
The silver moon rose silently, and high in heaven  
soaring ;

Prior Hyacinth was fervently upon his knees adoring :  
'Towards my precious patroness this conduct sure,  
unfair is ;

I cannot think, I must confess, what keeps the dig-  
nitaries .

And our good mayor away, unless some business  
them contraries."

He puts his long white mantle on and forth the prior  
sallies—

(His pious thoughts were bent upon good deeds and  
not on malice):

Heavens ! how the banquet lights they shone about  
the mayor's palace !

About the hall the scullions ran with meats both fresh How the  
grooms and  
lackeys  
jeered him.  
and potted ;

The pages came with cup and can, all for the guests  
allotted ;

Ah, how they jeered that good fat man as up the  
stairs he trotted !

He entered in the ante-rooms where sat the mayor's  
court in ;

He found a pack of drunken grooms a-dicing and a-  
sporting ;

The horrid wine and 'bacco fumes, they set the prior  
a-snorting !

The prior thought he'd speak about their sins before  
 he went hence,  
 And lustily began to shout of sin and of repentance;  
 The rogues they kicked the prior out before he'd done  
 a sentence!

And having got no portion small of buffeting and tuss-  
 ling,  
 At last he reached the banquet hall, where sat the  
 mayor a-guzzling,  
 And by his side his lady tall dressed out in white sprig  
 muslin.

And the mayor  
 mayoress, and  
 aldermen,  
 being tipsie,  
 refused to go  
 to church.

Around the table in a ring the guests were drinking  
 heavy;  
 They drunk the church, and drunk the king, and the  
 army and the navy;  
 In fact they'd toasted everything. The prior said, "God  
 save ye!"

The mayor cried, "Bring a silver cup—there's one  
 upon the beaufét;  
 And, Prior, have the venison up—it's capital *rechauffé*.  
 And so, Sir Priest, you've come to sup? And pray  
 you, how's Saint Sophy?"

The prior's face quite red was grown, with horror and  
 with anger;

He flung the proffered goblet down—it made a hid-  
 eous clangor;

And 'gan a-preaching with a frown—he was a fierce  
 haranguer.

He tried the mayor and aldermen—they all set up  
 a-jeering:

He tried the common-councilmen—they too began  
 a-sneering:

He turned towards the may'ress then, and hoped to get  
 a hearing.

He knelt and seized her dinner-dress, made of the  
 muslin snowy,

"To church, to church, my sweet mistress!" he cried;  
 "the way I'll show ye."

Alas, the lady-mayoress fell back as drunk as Chloe!

## XIII.

Out from this dissolute and drunken court  
 Went the good prior, his eyes with weeping dim :  
 He tried the people of a meaner sort—  
 They too, alas, were bent upon their sport,  
 And not a single soul would follow him !  
 But all were swigging schnaps and guzzling beer

How the prior  
 went back alone.

He found the cits, their daughters, sons, and spouses,  
 Spending the live-long night in fierce carouses :  
 Alas, unthinking of the danger near !  
 One or two sentinels the ramparts guarded,  
 The rest were sharing in the general feast :  
 “God wot, our tipsy town is poorly warded ;  
 Sweet Saint Sophia help us !” cried the priest

Alone he entered the cathedral gate,  
 Careful he locked the mighty oaken door ;  
 Within his company of monks did wait,  
 A dozen poor old pious men—no more.  
 Oh, but it grieved the gentle prior sore,  
 To think of those lost souls, given up to drink and  
 fate !

The mighty outer gate well barred and fast,  
 The poor old friars stirred their poor old bones,  
 And pattering swiftly on the damp cold stones,  
 They through the solitary chancel passed.  
 The chancel walls looked black and dim and vast,  
 And rendered, ghost-like, melancholy tones.

And shut himself  
 into Saint  
 Sophia's chapel  
 with his  
 brethren.

Onwards the fathers sped, till coming nigh a  
 Small iron gate, the which they entered quick at,  
 They locked and double-locked the inner wicket  
 And stood within the chapel of Sophia.  
 Vain were it to describe this sainted place,  
 Vain to describe that celebrated trophy,  
 The venerable statue of Saint Sophy,  
 Which formed its chiefest ornament and grace.



Here the good prior, his personal griefs and sorrows  
 In his extreme devotion quickly merging,  
 At once began to pray with voice sonorous ;  
 The other friars joined in pious chorus,  
 And passed the night in singing, praying, scourging,  
 In honor of Sophia, that sweet virgin.

## XIV.

The episode  
 Sneezoff and  
 Katinka.

Leaving thus the pious priest in  
 Humble penitence and prayer,  
 And the greedy cits a-feasting,  
 Let us to the walls repair.  
 Walking by the sentry-boxes,  
 Underneath the silver moon,  
 Lo ! the sentry boldly cocks his—  
 Boldly cocks his musketoon.  
 Sneezoff was his designation,  
 Fair-haired boy, forever pitied ;  
 For to take his cruel station,  
 He but now Katinka quitted.  
 Poor in purse were both, but rich in  
 Tender love's delicious plenties ;  
 She a damsel of the kitchen,  
 He a haberdasher's 'prentice.  
 'Tinka, maiden tender-hearted,  
 Was dissolved in tearful fits,  
 On that fatal night she parted  
 From her darling, fair-haired Fritz.  
 Warm her soldier lad she wrapt in  
 Comforter and muffettee ;  
 Called him " general " and " captain,"  
 Though a simple private he.  
 " On your bosom wear this plaster,  
 'Twill defend you from the cold ;  
 In your pipe smoke this canaster,  
 Smuggled 'tis, my love, and old.  
 " All the night, my love, I'll miss you."  
 Thus she spoke ; and from the door

Fair-haired Sneezoff made his issue,  
To return, alas, no more.

He it is who calmly walks his  
Walk beneath the silver moon;  
He it is who boldly cocks his  
Detonating musketoon.

He the bland canaster puffing,  
As upon his round he paces,  
Sudden sees a ragamuffin  
Clambering swiftly up the glaxis.

“Who goes there?” exclaims the sentry;  
“When the sun has once gone down  
No one ever makes an entry  
Into this here fortified town!”

Shouted thus the watchful Sneezoff;  
But, ere any one replied,  
Wretched youth! he fired his piece off,  
Started, staggered, groaned and died!

How the sentrie  
Sneezoff was  
surprised and  
slayn.

## XV.

Ah, full well might the sentinel cry, “Who goes  
there?”

But echo was frightened too much to declare.

Who goes there? who goes there? Can any one  
swear

To the number of sands *sur les bords de la mer*,  
Or the whiskers of D’Orsay Count down to a hair?  
As well might you tell of the sands the amount,  
Or number each hair in each curl of the Count,  
As ever proclaim the number and name  
Of the hundreds and thousands that up the wall came!  
Down, down the knaves poured with fire and with  
sword:

There were thieves from the Danube and rogues from  
the Don;

Of the Cossack  
troops,

There were Turks and Wallacks, and shouting Cos-  
sacks;

Of all nations and regions, and tongues and religions—  
Jew, Christian, Idolater, Frank, Mussulman:

Ah, a horrible sight was Kioff that night!

And of their  
manner of  
burning, mur-  
dering, and  
ravishing.

The gates were all taken—no chance e'en of flight ;  
And with torch and with axe the bloody Cossacks  
Went hither and thither a-hunting in packs :  
They slashed and they slew both Christian and Jew—  
Women and children, thy slaughtered them too.  
Some, saving their throats, plunged into the moats,  
Or the river—but oh, they had burned all the boats !

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How they  
burned the  
whole citie  
down, save the  
church,

But here let us pause—for I can't pursue further  
This scene of rack, ravishment, ruin and murder.  
Too well did the cunning old Cossack succeed !  
His plan of attack was successful indeed !  
The night was his own—the town it was gone ;  
'Twas a heap still a-burning of timber and stone.  
One building alone had escaped from the fires,  
Saint Sophy's fair church, with its steeples and spires.

Whereof the  
bells began to  
ring,

Calm, stately, and white,  
It stood in the light ;

And as if 'twould defy all the conqueror's power,—  
As if nought had occurred,  
Might clearly be heard  
The chimes ringing soberly every half-hour !

#### XVI.

The city was defunct—silence succeeded  
Unto its last fierce agonizing yells ;  
And then it was the conqueror first heeded  
The sound of these calm bells.  
Furious towards his aides-de-camp he turns,  
And (speaking as if Byron's works he knew)  
" Villains ! " he fiercely cries, " the city burns,  
Why not the temple too ?

How the  
Cossack chief  
bade them  
burn the  
church too.

Burn me yon church, and murder all within !  
The Cossacks thundered at the outer door ;  
And Father Hyacinth, who heard the din,  
(And thought himself and brethren in distress,  
Deserted by their lady patroness)

How they  
stormed it ;  
and of Hyacinth,  
his anger  
thereat.

Did to her statue turn, and thus his woes outpour.



## XVII.

“And is it thus, O falsest of the saints,  
     Thou hearest our complaints?  
 Tell me, did ever my attachment falter  
     To serve thy altar?  
 Was not thy name, ere ever I did sleep,  
     The last upon my lip?  
 Was not thy name the very first that broke  
     From me when I awoke?  
 Have I not tried with fasting, flogging, penance,  
     And mortified countenance  
 For to find favor, Sophy, in thy sight?  
     And lo! this night,  
 Forgetful of my prayers, and thine own promise,  
     Thou turnest from us;  
 Lettest the heathen enter in our city,  
     And, without pity,  
 Murder our burghers, seize upon their spouses,  
     Burn down their houses!  
 Is such a breach of faith to be endured?  
     See what a lurid  
 Light from the insolent invader’s torches  
     Shines on your porches!  
 E’en now, with thundering battering-ram and hammer  
     And hideous clamor;  
 With axemen, swordsmen, pikemen, billmen, bowmen,  
     The conquering foemen,  
 O Sophy! beat your gate about your ears,  
     Alas! and here’s  
 A humble company of pious men,  
     Like muttons in a pen,  
 Whose souls shall quickly from their bodies be thrust  
     Because in you they trusted.  
 Do you not know the Calmuc chief’s desires—  
     KILL ALL THE FRIARS!  
 And you, of all the saints most false and fickle,  
     Leave us in this abominable pickle.”

His prayer to  
the Saint Sophia

“RASH HYACINTHUS!”

(Here, to the astonishment of all her backers,

The statue  
suddenlie  
speaks;

Saint Sophy, opening wide her wooden jaws,  
 Like to a pair of German walnut-crackers,  
 Began), "I did not think you had been thus,—  
 O monk of little faith! Is it because  
 A rascal scum of filthy Cossack heathen  
 Besiege our town, that you distrust in *me*, then?  
 Think'st thou that I, who in a former day  
 Did walk across the Sea of Marmora  
 (Not mentioning, for shortness, other seas),—  
 That I, who skimmed the broad Borysthenes,  
 Without so much as wetting of my toes,  
 Am frightened at a set of men like *those*?  
 I have a mind to leave you to your fate:  
 Such cowardice as this my scorn inspires."

But is interrupted by the  
 breaking in of  
 the Cossacks.

Saint Sophy was here  
 Cut short in her words,—  
 For at this very moment in tumbled the gate,  
 And with a wild cheer,  
 And a clashing of swords,  
 Swift through the church porches,  
 With a waving of torches,  
 And a shriek and a yell  
 Like the devils of hell,  
 With pike and with axe  
 In rushed the Cossacks,—  
 In rushed the Cossacks, crying, "MURDER THE  
 FRIARS!"

Of Hyacinth,  
 his outrageous  
 address;

Ah! what a thrill felt Hyacinth,  
 When he heard that villanous shout Calmuc!  
 Now, thought he, my trial beginneth;  
 Saints, O give me courage and pluck!  
 "Courage, boys, 'tis useless to funk!"  
 Thus unto the friars he began:  
 "Never let it be said that a monk  
 Is not likewise a gentleman.  
 Though the patron saint of the church,  
 Spite of all that we've done and we've pray'd,  
 Leaves us wickedly here in the lurch,  
 Hang it, gentlemen, who's afraid?"

As thus the gallant Hyacinthus spoke,  
 He, with an air as easy and as free as  
 If the quick-coming murder were a joke,  
 Folded his robes around his sides, and took  
 Place under sainted Sophy's legs of oak,  
 Like Cæsar at the statue of Pompeius.  
 The monks no leisure had about to look  
 (Each being absorbed in his particular case),  
 Else had they seen with what celestial grace  
 A wooden smile stole o'er the saint's mahogany face.

And preparation  
 for dying.

"Well done, well done, Hyacinthus, my son!"  
 Thus spoke the sainted statue.

Saint Sophia,  
 her speech.

"Though you doubted me in the hour of need,  
 And spoke of me very rude indeed,  
 You deserve good luck for showing such pluck,  
 And I wont be angry at you."

The monks by-standing, one and all,  
 Of this wondrous scene beholders,  
 To this kind promise listened content,  
 And couldn't contain their astonishment,  
 When Saint Sophia moved and went  
 Down from her wooden pedestal,  
 And twisted her legs, sure as eggs is eggs,  
 Round Hyacinthus's shoulders!

She gets on the  
 prior's shoulder  
 straddleback,

"Ho! forwards," cries Sophy, "there's no time for  
 waiting,

And bids him  
 run.

The Cossacks are breaking the very last gate in:  
 See the glare of their torches shines red through the  
 grating;

We've still the back door, and two minutes or more.

Now boys, now or never, we must make for the river,  
 For we only are safe on the opposite shore.

Run swiftly to-day, lads, if ever you ran,—  
 Put out your best leg, Hyacinthus, my man;  
 And I'll lay five to two that you carry us through,  
 Only scamper as fast as you can."





The shouts they came clearer, the foe they drew nearer :

Oh, how the bolts whistled, and how the lights shone !

“ I cannot get further, this running is murther ;

Come carry me, some one ! ” cried big Father John.

And even the statue grew frightened, “ O drat you ! ”

It cried, “ Mr. Prior, I wish you’d get on ! ”

On tugged the good friar, but nigher and nigher

Appeared the fierce Russians, with sword and withfire.

On tugged the good prior at Saint Sophy’s desire,—

A scramble through bramble, through mud, and through mire,

The swift arrows’ whizziness causing a dizziness,

Nigh done his business, fit to expire.

Father Hyacinth tugged, and the monks they tugged after ;

The foemen pursued with a horrible laughter,

And hurl’d their long spears round the poor brethren’s ears,

So true, that next day in the coats of each priest,

Though never a wound was given, there were found  
A dozen arrows at least.

Now the chase seemed at its worst,

Prior and monks were fit to burst ;

Scarce you knew the which was first,

Or pursuers or pursued ;

When the statue, by heaven’s grace

Suddenly did change the face

Of this interesting race,

As a saint, sure, only could.

And the  
pursuers fixed  
arrows into  
their tayls.

How, at the  
last gasp,

For as the jockey who at Epsom rides,

When that his steed is spent and punished sore,

Diggeth his heels into the courser’s sides,

And thereby makes him run one or two furlongs  
more ;

Even thus, betwixt the eighth rib and the ninth,

The saint rebuked the prior, that weary creeper ;

Fresh strength into his limbs her kicks imparted.

The friars won  
and jumped into  
Borysthenes  
fluvius.

One bound he made, as gay as when he started.  
Yes, with his brethren clinging at his cloak,  
The statue on his shoulders—fit to choke—  
One most tremendous bound made Hyacinth,  
And soused friars, statue, and all, slapdash into the  
Dnieper!

## XIX.

And how the  
Russians saw

And when the Russians, in a fiery rank,  
Panting and fierce, drew up along the shore;  
(For here the vain pursuing they forbore,  
Nor cared they to surpass the river's bank,)  
Then looking from the rocks and rushes dank,  
A sight they witnessed never seen before,  
And which, with its accompaniments glorious,  
Is writ i' the golden book, or *liber aureus*.

The statue get  
off Hyacinth  
his back, and  
sit down with  
the friars on  
Hyacinth his  
cloak.

Plump in the Dnieper founced the friar and friends,—  
They dangling round his neck, he fit to choke,  
When suddenly his most miraculous cloak  
Over the billowy waves itself extends,  
Down from his shoulders quietly descends  
The venerable Sophy's statue of oak;  
Which, sitting down upon the cloak so ample,  
Bids all the brethren follow its example!

How in this  
manner of boat  
they sayled  
away.

Each at her bidding sat, and sat at ease;  
The statue 'gan a gracious conversation,  
And (waving to the foe a salutation)  
Sail'd with her wondering happy protégés  
Gayly adown the wide Borysthenes,  
Until they came unto some friendly nation.  
And when the heathen had at length grown shy of  
Their conquest, she one day came back again to Kioff

## XX.

Finis, or the  
end.

THINK NOT, O READER, THAT WE'RE LAUGHING  
AT YOU;  
YOU MAY GO TO KIOF NOW, AND SEE THE STATUE.



## KING CANUTE.

KING CANUTE was weary-hearted ; he had reigned for years a score  
Battling, struggling, pushing, fighting, killing much and robbing  
more ;

And he thought upon his actions, walking by the wild sea-shore.

Twixt the Chancellor and Bishop walked the King with steps  
sedate,

Chamberlains and grooms came after, silversticks and goldsticks  
great,

Chaplains, aides-de-camp, and pages,—all the officers of state.

Sliding after like his shadow, pausing when he chose to pause,  
If a frown his face contracted, straight the courtiers dropped their  
jaws ;

If to laugh the King was minded, out they burst in loud hee-haws.

But that day a something vexed him, that was clear to old and  
young :

Thrice his Grace had yawned at table, when his favorite gleemen  
sung,

Once the Queen would have consoled him, but he bade her hold  
her tongue.

“Something ails my gracious master,” cried the Keeper of the Seal.

“Sure, my lord, it is the lampreys served to dinner, or the veal?”

“Psha !” exclaimed the angry monarch. “Keeper, ’tis not that  
I feel.

“’Tis the *heart*, and not the dinner, fool, that doth my rest impair :  
Can a king be great as I am, prithee, and yet know no care ?

Oh, I’m sick, and tired, and weary.”—Some one cried, “The King’s  
arm-chair !”

Then towards the lackeys turning, quick my Lord the Keeper  
nodded,

Straight the King’s great chair was brought him, by two footmen  
able-bodied ;

Languidly he sank into it ; it was comfortably wadded.

“Leading on my fierce companions,” cried he, “over storm and brine,

I have fought and I have conquered! Where was glory like to mine?”

Loudly all the courtiers echoed: “Where is glory like to thine?”

“What avail me all my kingdoms? Weary am I now and old;  
Those fair sons I have begotten, long to see me dead and cold;  
Would I were, and quiet buried, underneath the silent mould!

“Oh, remorse, the writhing serpent! at my bosom tears and bites;  
Horrid, horrid things I look on, though I put out all the lights;  
Ghosts of ghastly recollections troop about my bed at nights.

“Cities burning, convents blazing, red with sacrilegious fires;  
Mothers weeping, virgins screaming: vainly for their slaughtered sires.”—

“Such a tender conscience,” cries the Bishop, “every one admires.

“But for such unpleasant by-gones, cease, my gracious lord, to search,

They’re forgotten and forgiven by our Holy Mother Church.  
Never, never does she leave her benefactors in the lurch.

“Look! the land is crowned with minsters, which your Grace’s bounty raised;

Abbeys filled with holy men, where you and Heaven are daily praised:

*You*, my lord, to think of dying? on my conscience I’m amazed!”

“Nay, I feel,” replied King Canute, “that my end is drawing near.”

“Don’t say so,” exclaimed the courtiers (striving each to squeeze a tear).

“Sure your Grace is strong and lusty, and may live this fifty year.”

“Live these fifty years!” the bishop roared, with actions made to suit.

“Are you mad, my good Lord Keeper, thus to speak of King Canute!

Men have lived a thousand years, and sure his Majesty will do’t.

“Adam, Enoch, Lamech, Cainan, Mahaleel, Methusela,  
Lived nine hundred years apiece, and mayn’t the King as well as they?”

“Fervently,” exclaimed the Keeper, “fervently I trust he may.”



"He to die?" resumed the Bishop. "He a mortal like to us? Death was not for him intended, though *communis omnibus*: Keeper, you are irreligious, for to talk and cavil thus.

With his wondrous skill in healing ne'er a doctor can compete,  
 Pathsome lepers, if he touch them, start up clean upon their feet;  
 Rarely he could raise the dead up, did his Highness think it meet.

Did not once the Jewish captain stay the sun upon the hill,  
 And, the while he slew the foemen, bid the silver moon stand still?  
 No doubt, could gracious Canute, if it were his sacred will."

"Might I stay the sun above us, good Sir Bishop?" Canute cried;  
 Could I bid the silver moon to pause upon her heavenly ride?  
 The moon obeys my orders, sure I can command the tide.

"Will the advancing waves obey me, Bishop, if I make the sign?"  
 Said the Bishop, bowing lowly, "Land and sea, my lord, are thine."  
 Canute turned towards the ocean—"Back!" he said, "thou foam-  
 ing brine.

From the sacred shore I stand on, I command thee to retreat,  
 Venture not, thou stormy rebel, to approach thy master's seat:  
 Ocean, be thou still! I bid thee come not nearer to my feet!"

At the sullen ocean answered with a louder, deeper roar,  
 And the rapid waves drew nearer, falling sounding on the shore;  
 Back the Keeper and the Bishop, back the King and courtiers bore.

And he sternly bade them never more to kneel to human clay,  
 But alone to praise and worship That which earth and seas obey:  
 And his golden crown of empire never wore he from that day.  
 King Canute is dead and gone: Parasites exist alway.

### FRIAR'S SONG.

SOME love the matin-chimes, which tell  
 The hour of prayer to sinner:  
 But better far's the mid-day bell,  
 Which speaks the hour of dinner;



For when I see a smoking fish,  
 Or capon drown'd in gravy,  
 Or noble haunch on silver dish,  
 Full glad I sing my ave.

My pulpit is an alehouse bench,  
 Whereon I sit so jolly ;  
 A smiling rosy country wench  
 My saint and patron holy.  
 I kiss her cheek so red and sleek,  
 I press her ringlets wavy,  
 And in her willing ear I speak  
 A most religious ave.

And if I'm blind, yet heaven is kind,  
 And holy saints forgiving ;  
 For sure he leads a right good life  
 Who thus admires good living.  
 Above, they say, our flesh is air,  
 Our blood celestial ichor :  
 Oh, grant ! mid all the changes there,  
 They may not change our liquor !

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### *ATRA CURA.*

BEFORE I lost my five poor wits,  
 I mind me of a Romish clerk,  
 Who sang how Care, the phantom dark,  
 Beside the belted horseman sits.  
 Methought I saw the grisly sprite  
 Jump up but now behind my Knight.

And though he gallop as he may,  
 I mark that cursed monster black  
 Still sits behind his honor's back,  
 Tight squeezing of his heart alway.  
 Like two black Templars sit they there,  
 Beside one crupper, Knight and Care.

No knight am I with pennoned spear,  
To prance upon a bold destrere :  
I will not have black Care prevail  
Upon my long-eared charger's tail,  
For lo, I am a witless fool,  
And laugh at Grief and ride a mule.

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*REQUIESCAT.*

UNDER the stone you behold,  
Buried, and coffined, and cold,  
Lieth Sir Wilfrid the Bold.

Always he marched in advance,  
Warring in Flanders and France,  
Doughty with sword and with lance.

Famous in Saracen fight,  
Rode in his youth the good knight,  
Scattering Paynims in flight.

Brian the Templar untrue,  
Fairly in tourney he slew,  
Saw Hierusalem too.

Now he is buried and gone,  
Lying beneath the gray stone :  
Where shall you find such a one ?

Long time his widow deplored.  
Weeping the fate of her lord,  
Sadly cut off by the sword.

When she was eased of her pain,  
Came the good Lord Athelstane,  
When her ladyship married again.

*LINES UPON MY SISTER'S PORTRAIT.*

BY THE LORD SOUTHDOWN.

THE castle towers of Bareacres are fair upon the lea,  
 Where the cliffs of bonny Diddlesex rise up from out the sea:  
 I stood upon the donjon keep and view'd the country o'er,  
 I saw the lands of Bareacres for fifty miles or more.  
 I stood upon the donjon keep—it is a sacred place,—  
 Where floated for eight hundred years the banner of my race;  
 Argent, a dexter sinople, and gules an azure field:  
 There ne'er was nobler cognizance on knightly warrior's shield.

The first time England saw the shield 'twas round a Norman neck  
 On board a ship from Valery, King William was on deck.  
 A Norman lance the colors wore, in Hastings' fatal fray—  
 St. Willibald for Bareacres! 'twas double gules that day!  
 O Heaven and sweet St. Willibald! in many a battle since  
 A loyal-hearted Bareacres has ridden by his Prince!  
 At Acre with Plantagenet, with Edward at Poitiers,  
 The Pennon of the Bareacres was foremost on the spears!

'Twas pleasant in the battle-shock to hear our war-cry ringing:  
 Oh grant me, sweet St. Willibald, to listen to such singing!  
 Three hundred steel-clad gentlemen, we drove the foe before us,  
 And thirty score of British bows kept twanging to the chorus!  
 O knights, my noble ancestors! and shall I never hear  
 St. Willibald for Bareacres through battle ringing clear?  
 I'd cut me off this strong right hand a single hour to ride,  
 And strike a blow for Bareacres, my fathers, at your side!

Dash down, dash down, yon Mandolin, beloved sister mine!  
 Those blushing lips may never sing the glories of our line;  
 Our ancient castles echo to the clumsy feet of churls,  
 The spinning-jenny houses in the mansion of our Earls.  
 Sing not, sing not, my Angeline! in days so base and vile,  
 'Twere sinful to be happy, 'twere sacrilege to smile.  
 I'll hie me to my lonely hall, and by its cheerless hob  
 I'll muse on other days, and wish—and wish I were—A SNOB.



# TITMARSH'S CARMEN LILLIENSE.

LILLE, Sept. 2, 1843.

*My heart is weary, my peace is gone,  
How shall I e'er my woes reveal?  
I have no money, I lie in pawn,  
A stranger in the town of Lille.*

## I.

WITH twenty pounds but three weeks since  
From Paris forth did Titmarsh wheel,  
I thought myself as rich a prince  
As beggar poor I'm now at Lille.

Confiding in my ample means—  
In troth, I was a happy chiel!  
I passed the gates of Valenciennes,  
I never thought to come by Lille.

I never thought my twenty pounds  
Some rascal knave would dare to steal;  
I gayly passed the Belgic bounds  
At Quiévrain, twenty miles from Lille.

To Antwerp town I hasten'd post,  
And as I took my evening meal  
I felt my pouch,—my purse was lost,  
O Heaven! Why came I not by Lille?

I straightway called for ink and pen,  
To grandmamma I made appeal;  
Meanwhile a loan of guineas ten  
I borrowed from a friend so leal.

I got the cash from grandmamma  
 (Her gentle heart my woes could feel),  
 But where I went, and what I saw,  
 What matter? Here I am at Lille.

My heart is weary, my peace is gone,  
 How shall I e'er my woes reveal?  
 I have no cash, I lie in pawn,  
 A stranger in the town of Lille.

## II.

To stealing I can never come,  
 To pawn my watch I'm too genteel,  
 Besides, I left my watch at home,  
 How could I pawn it then at Lille?

"*La note*," at times the guests will say.  
 I turn as white as cold boil'd veal;  
 I turn and look another way,  
 I dare not ask the bill at Lille.

I dare not to the landlord say,  
 "Good sir, I cannot pay your bill;  
 He thinks I am a Lord Anglais,  
 And is quite proud I stay at Lille.

He thinks I am a Lord Anglais,  
 Like Rothschild or Sir Robert Peel,  
 And so he serves me every day  
 The best of meat and drink in Lille.

Yet when he looks me in the face  
 I blush as red as cochineal;  
 And think did he but know my case,  
 How changed he'd be, my host of Lille.

My heart is weary, my peace is gone,  
 How shall I e'er my woes reveal?  
 I have no money, I lie in pawn,  
 A stranger in the town of Lille.

## III.

The sun bursts out in furious blaze,  
 I perspire from head to heel;  
 I'd like to hire a one-horse chaise,  
 How can I, without cash at Lille.

I pass in sunshine burning hot  
By cafés where in beer they deal;  
I think how pleasant were a pot,  
A frothing pot of beer of Lille!

What is yon house with walls so thick,  
All girt around with guard and grille?  
O gracious gods! it makes me sick,  
It is the *prison-house* of Lille!

O cursed prison strong and barred,  
It does my very blood congeal!  
I tremble as I pass the guard,  
And quit that ugly part of Lille.

The church-door beggar whines and prays,  
I turn away at his appeal:  
Ah, church-door beggar! go thy ways!  
You're not the poorest man in Lille.

My heart is weary, my peace is gone,  
How shall I e'er my woes reveal?  
I have no money, I lie in pawn,  
A stranger in the town of Lille.

## IV.

Say, shall I to yon Flemish church,  
And at a Popish altar kneel?  
Oh, do not leave me in the lurch,—  
I'll cry, ye patron-saints of Lille!

Ye virgins dressed in satin hoops,  
Ye martyrs slain for mortal weal,  
Look kindly down! before you stoops  
The miserablest man in Lille.

And lo! as I beheld with awe  
A pictured saint (I swear 'tis real),  
It smiled, and turned to grandmamma!—  
It did! and I had hope in Lille!

'Twas five o'clock, and I could eat,  
Although I could not pay my meal:  
I hasten back into the street  
Where lies my inn, the best in Lille.



What see I on my table stand,—  
 A letter with a well-known seal?  
 'Tis grandmamma's! I know her hand,—  
 "To Mr. A. A. Titmarsh, Lille."

I feel a choking in my throat,  
 I pant and stagger, faint and reel!  
 It is—it is—a ten-pound note,  
 And I'm no more in pawn at Lille!

[He goes off by the diligence that evening, and is restored to  
 the bosom of his happy family.]

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*THE WILLOW-TREE.*

KNOW ye the willow-tree  
 Whose gray leaves quiver,  
 Whispering gloomily  
 To yon pale river;  
 Lady, at even-tide  
 Wander not near it,  
 They say its branches hide  
 A sad, lost spirit!

Once to the willow-tree  
 A maid came fearful,  
 Pale seemed her cheek to be,  
 Her blue eye tearful;  
 Soon as she saw the tree,  
 Her step moved fleeter,  
 No one was there—ah me!  
 No one to meet her!

Quick beat her heart to hear  
 The far bell's chime  
 Toll from the chapel-tower  
 The trysting time:  
 But the red sun went down  
 In golden flame,  
 And though she looked round,  
 Yet no one came!

Presently came the night,  
 Sadly to greet her,—  
 Moon in her silver light,  
 Stars in their glitter;  
 Then sank the moon away  
 Under the billow,  
 Still wept the maid alone—  
 There by the willow!

Through the long darkness,  
 By the stream rolling  
 Hour after hour went on  
 Tolling and tolling.  
 Long was the darkness,  
 Lonely and stilly;  
 Shrill came the night-wind,  
 Piercing and chilly.

Shrill blew the morning breeze  
 Biting and cold,  
 Bleak peers the gray dawn  
 Over the wold.  
 Bleak over moor and stream  
 Looks the gray dawn;  
 Gray, with dishevelled hair,  
 Still stands the willow there—  
 THE MAID IS GONE!

*Domine, Domine!*

*Sing we a litany,—*

*Sing for poor maiden-hearts broken and weary;*

*Domine, Domine!*

*Sing we a litany,*

*Wail we and weep we a wild Miserere!*

## THE WILLOW-TREE.

(ANOTHER VERSION.)

## I.

LONG by the willow-trees  
 Vainly they sought her,  
 Wild rang the mother's screams  
 O'er the gray water :  
 "Where is my lovely one ?  
 Where is my daughter ?

## II.

"Rouse thee, sir constable—  
 Rouse thee and look ;  
 Fisherman, bring your net,  
 Boatman your hook,  
 Beat in the lily-beds,  
 Dive in the brook !"

## III.

Vainly the constable  
 Shouted and called her ;  
 Vainly the fisherman  
 Beat the green alder,  
 Vainly he flung the net,  
 Never it hauled her !

## IV.

Mother beside the fire  
 Sat, her nightcap in :  
 Father, in easy chair,  
 Gloomily napping,  
 When at the window-sill  
 Came a light tapping !

## V.

And a pale countenance  
 Looked through the casement.  
 Loud beat the mother's heart,  
 Sick with amazement,



And at the vision which  
 Came to surprise her,  
 Shrieked in an agony—  
 “Lor! it’s Elizar!”

## IV.

Yes, ’twas Elizabeth—  
 Yes, ’twas their girl;  
 Pale was her cheek, and her  
 Hair out of curl.  
 “Mother!” thy loving one,  
 Blushing exclaimed,  
 “Let not your innocent  
 Lizzy be blamed.

## VII.

Yesterday, going to aunt  
 Jones’s to tea,  
 Mother, dear mother, I  
*Forgot the door key!*  
 And as the night was cold,  
 And the way steep,  
 Mrs. Jones kept me to  
 Breakfast and sleep.”

## VIII.

Whether her Pa and Ma  
 Fully believed her,  
 That we shall never know,  
 Stern they received her;  
 And for the work of that  
 Cruel, though short, night,  
 Sent her to bed without  
 Tea for a fortnight.

## IX.

## MORAL.

*Hey diddle diddlety,  
 Cat and the Fiddlety,  
 Maidens of England take caution by she!  
 Let love and suicide  
 Never tempt you aside,  
 And always remember to take the door-key.*



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## *THE PIMLICO PAVILION.*

YE pathrons of janius, Minerva and Vanius,  
Who sit on Parnassus, that mountain of snow,  
Descind from your station and make observation  
Of the Prince's pavilion in sweet Pimlico.

This garden, by jakurs, is forty poor acres,  
(The garner he tould me, and sure ought to know;) **;**  
And yet greatly bigger, in size and in figure,  
Than the Phanix itself, seems the Park Pimlico.

O 'tis there that the spoort is, when the Queen and the Court **is**  
Walking magnanimous all of a row,  
Forgetful what state is among the pataties  
And the pine-apple gardens of sweet Pimlico.

There in blossoms odorous the birds sing a chorus,  
Of "God save the Queen" as they hop to and fro;  
And you sit on the binches and hark to the finches,  
Singing melodious in sweet Pimlico.

There shuiting their phanthasies, they pluck polyanthuses  
That round in the gardens resplindently grow,  
Wid roses and jessimins, and other sweet specimins,  
Would charm bould Linnayus in sweet Pimlico.

You see when you inther, and stand in the cinther,  
 Where the roses, and necturns, and collyflowers blow,  
 A hill so tremindous, it tops the top-windows  
 Of the elegant houses of famed Pimlico.

And when you've ascinded that precipice splindid  
 You see on its summit a wondtherful show—  
 A lovely Swish building, all painting and gilding,  
 The famous Pavilion of sweet Pimlico.

Prince Albert, of Flandthers, that Prince of Commandthers,  
 (On whom my best blessings hereby I bestow),  
 With goold and vermilion has decked that Pavilion,  
 Where the Queen may take tay in her sweet Pimlico.

There's lines from John Milton the chamber all gilt on,  
 And pictures beneath them that's shaped like a bow;  
 I was greatly astounded to think that that Roundhead  
 Should find an admission to famed Pimlico.

O lovely's each fresco, and most picturesque O;  
 And while round the chamber astonished I go,  
 I think Dan Maclise's it baits all the pieces  
 Surrounding the cottage of famed Pimlico.

Eastlake has the chimney (a good one to limn he),  
 And a vargin he paints with a sarpint below;  
 While bulls, pigs, and panthers, and other enchanthers,  
 Are painted by Landseer in sweet Pimlico.

And nature smiles opposite, Stanfield he copies it;  
 O'er Claude or Poussang sure 'tis he that may crow:  
 But Sir Ross's best faiture is small mini-ature—  
 He shouldn't paint frescoes in famed Pimlico.

There's Leslie and Uwins has rather small doings;  
 There's Dyce, as brave masther as England can show;  
 And the flowers and the sthrawberries, sure he no dauber is,  
 That painted the panels of famed Pimlico.

In the pictures from Walther Scott, never a fault there's got,  
 Sure the marble's as natural as throe Scaglio;  
 And the Chamber Pompayen is sweet to take tay in,  
 And ait butther'd muffins in sweet Pimlico.



There's landscapes by Gruner, both solar and lunar,  
 Them two little Doyles too, deserve a bravo;  
 Wid de piece by young Townsend (for janius abounds in't);  
 And that's why he's shuited to paint Pimlico.

That picture of Severn's is worthy of rever'nce,  
 But some I won't mintion is rather so so;  
 For sweet philoso'phy, or crumpets and coffee,  
 O where's a Pavilion like sweet Pimlico?

O to praise this Pavilion would puzzle Quintilian,  
 Daymosthenes, Brougham, or young Cicero;  
 So heavenly Goddess, d'ye pardon my modesty,  
 And silence, my lyre! about sweet Pimlico.

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THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

WITH ganial foire  
 Thransfuse me loyre,  
 Ye sacred nymphs of Pindus,  
 The whoile I sing  
 That wondthrous thing,  
 The Palace made o' windows!

Say, Paxton, truth,  
 Thou wondthrous youth,  
 What sthroke of art celistial,  
 What power was lint  
 You to invint  
 This combineetion cristial.

O would before  
 That Thomas Moore,  
 Likewoise the late Lord Boyron,  
 Thim aigles sthrong  
 Of godlike song,  
 Cast oi on that cast oiron:

And saw thim walls,  
And glittering halls,  
Thim rising slendther columns,  
Which I poor pote,  
Could not denote,  
No, not in twinty vollums.

My Muse's words  
Is like the bird's  
That roosts beneath the panes there;  
Her wings she spoils  
'Gainst them bright toiles,  
And cracks her silly brains there.

This Palace tall  
This Cristial Hall,  
Which Imperors might covet,  
Stands in High Park  
Like Noah's Ark,  
A rainbow bint above it.

The towers and fanes,  
In other scaynes,  
The fame of this will undo,  
Saint Paul's big doom,  
Saint Payther's Room,  
And Dublin's proud Rotundo.

'Tis here that roams,  
As well becomes  
Her dignitee and stations,  
Victoria Great,  
And houlds in state  
The Congress of the Nations.

Her subjects pours  
From distant shores,  
Her Injians and Canajians;  
And also we,  
Her kingdoms three,  
Attind with our allagiance.

Here come likewise  
Her bould allies,  
Both Asian and European,  
From East and West  
They send their best  
To fill her Coornucopean.

I seen (thank Grace !)  
This wondthrous place  
(His Noble Honor Misther  
H. Cole it was  
That gave the pass,  
And let me see what is there).

With conscious proide  
I stud insoide  
And look'd the World's Great Fair in,  
Until me sight  
Was dazzled quite,  
And couldn't see for staring.

There's holy saints  
And window paints,  
By Maydiayval Pugin;  
Alhamborough Jones  
Did paint the tones  
Of yellow and gambouge in.

There's fountains there  
And crosses fair;  
There's water-gods with urnns:  
There's organs three,  
To play, d'ye see?  
"God save the Queen," by turrrns.

There's Statues bright  
Of marble white,  
Of silver, and of copper;  
And some in zinc,  
And some, I think,  
That isn't over proper.



There's staym Ingynes  
 That stands in lines,  
 Enormous and amazing,  
 That squeal and snort  
 Like whales in sport,  
 Or elephants a-grazing.

There's carts and gigs,  
 And pins for pigs,  
 There's dibblers and there's harrows,  
 And ploughs like toys  
 For little boys,  
 And ilegant wheel-barrows.

For thim genteels  
 Who ride on wheels,  
 There's plenty to indulge 'em :  
 There's Droskys snug  
 From Paytersbug,  
 And vayhycles from Bulgium.

There's Cabs on Stands  
 And Shandthry danns ;  
 There's Wagons from New York here ;  
 There's Lapland Sleighs  
 Have cross'd the seas,  
 And Jaunting Cyars from Cork here.

Amazed I pass  
 From glass to glass,  
 Deolighted I survey 'em ;  
 Fresh wondthers grows  
 Before me nose  
 In this sublime Musayum !

Look, here's a fan  
 From far Japan,  
 A sabre from Damasco :  
 There's shawls ye get  
 From far Thibet,  
 And cotton prints from Glasgow.

There's German flutes,  
 Marocky boots,  
 And Naples Macaronies ·  
 Bohaymia  
 Has sent Bohay ;  
 Polonia her polonies.

There's granite flints  
 That's quite imminse,  
 There's sacks of coals and fuels,  
 There's swords and guns,  
 And soap in tuns,  
 And Ginger-bread and Jewels.

There's taypots there,  
 And cannons rare ;  
 There's coffins fill'd with roses ;  
 There's canvas tints  
 Teeth insthrumints,  
 And shuits of clothes by MOSES.

There's lashins more  
 Of things in store,  
 But thim I don't remimber ;  
 Nor could disclose  
 Did I compose  
 From May time to Novimber !

Ah, JUDY thru !  
 With eyes so blue,  
 That you were here to view it !  
 And could I screw  
 But tu pound tu,  
 'Tis I would thrait you to it !

So let us raise  
 Victoria's praise,  
 And Albert's proud condition,  
 That takes his ayse  
 As he surveys  
 This Cristial Exhibition.

*MOLONY'S LAMENT.*

O TIM, did you hear of thim Saxons,  
 And read what the peepers report?  
 They're goan to recall the Liftinant,  
 And shut up the Castle and Coort;  
 Our desolate counthry of Oireland,  
 They're bint, the blagyards, to desthroy,  
 And now having murdthered our counthry,  
 They're goin to kill the Viceroy,  
                     Dear boy;

'Twas he was our proide and our joy!

And will we no longer behould him,  
 Surrounding his carriage in throngs,  
 As he weaves his cocked-hat from the windies,  
 And smiles to his bould aid-de-congs?  
 I liked for to see the young haroes,  
 All shoining with sthripes and witr stars,  
 A horsing about in the Phaynix,  
 And winking the girls in the cyars,  
                     Like Mars,  
 A smokin' their poipes and cigyars.

Dear Mitchell exoiled to Bermudies,  
 Your beautiful oilids you'll ope.  
 And there'll be an abondance of croyin'  
 From O'Brine at the Keep of Good Hope,  
 When they read of this news in the peepers,  
 Acrass the Atlantical wave,  
 That the last of the Oirish Liftinints  
 Of the oisland of Seents has tuck lave.  
                     God save

The Queen—she should bettther behave.

And what's to become of poor Dame Sthreet,  
 And who'll ait the puffs and the tarts,  
 Whin the Coort of imparial splindor  
 From Doblin's sad city departs?



And who'll have the fiddlers and pipers,  
 When the deuce of a Coort there remains ?  
 And where'll be the bucks and the ladies,  
 To hire the Coort-shuits and the thrains ?  
                     In sthrains,  
 It's thus that ould Erin complains !

There's Counsellor Flanagan's leedy  
 'Twas she in the Coort didn't fail,  
 And she wanted a plinty of popplin,  
 For her dthress, and her flounce, and her tail ;  
 She bought it of Misthress O'Grady,  
 Eight shillings a yard tabinet,  
 But now that the Coort is concluded,  
 The divvle a yard will she get ;  
                     I bet,  
 Bedad, that she wears the old set.

There's Surgeon O'Toole and Miss Leary,  
 They'd daylings with Madam O'Riggs' ;  
 Each year at the dthrawing-room sayson,  
 They mounted the neatest of wigs.  
 When Spring. with its buds and its dasies,  
 Comes out in her heauty and bloom,  
 Thim tu'll never think of new jasies,  
 Becase there is no dthrawing-room,  
                     For whom  
 They'd choose the expense to ashume.

There's Alderman Toad and his lady,  
 'Twas they gave the Clart and the Poort,  
 And the poine-apples, turbots, and lobsters,  
 To feast the Lord Liftinint's Coort.  
 But now that the quality's goin,  
 I warnt that the aiting will stop,  
 And you'll get at the Alderman's teeble  
 The devil a bite or a dthrop,  
                     Or chop ;  
 And the butcher may shut up his shop.

Yes, the grooms and the ushers are goin,  
 And his Lordship, the dear honest man,  
 And the Duchess, his eemiabable leedy,  
 And Corry, the bould Connellan,  
 And little Lord Hyde and the childthren,  
 And the Chewter and Governess tu ;  
 And the servants are packing their boxes,—  
 Oh, murther, but what shall I due  
     Without you ?  
 O Meery, with ois of the blue

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### *MR. MOLONY'S ACCOUNT OF THE BALL*

GIVEN TO THE NEPAULESE AMBASSADOR BY THE PENINSULAR  
 AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

O WILL ye choose to hear the news  
 Bedad I cannot pass it o'er :  
 I'll tell you all about the Ball  
     To the Naypaulase Ambassador.  
 Begor ! this fête all balls does bate  
     At which I've worn a pump, and I  
 Must here relate the splendthor great  
     Of th' Oriental Company.

These men of sinse dispoised expinse,  
     To fête these black Achillese.  
 " We'll show the blacks," says they, " Almack's  
     " And take the rooms at Willis's."  
 With flags and shawls, for these Nepauls,  
     They hung the rooms of Willis up,  
 And decked the wals, and stairs, and halls,  
     With roses and with lilies up.

And Jullien's band it tuck its stand,  
     So sweetly in the middle there,  
 And soft bassoons played heavenly chunes  
     And violins did fiddle there.

And when the Coort was tired of spoort,  
I'd lave you, boys, to think there was  
A nate buffet before them set,  
Where lashins of good dhrink there was.

At ten before the ball-room door,  
His mighty Excellency was,  
He smoiled and bowed to all the crowd,  
So gorgeous and immense he was.  
His dusky shuit, sublime and mute,  
Into the door-way followed him;  
And O the noise of the blackguard boys,  
As they hurrood and hollowed him!

The noble Chair \* stud at the stair,  
And bade the dthrums to thump; and he  
Did thus evince, to that Black Prince.  
The welcome of his Company.  
O fair the girls, and rich the curls,  
And bright the oys you saw there, was;  
And fixed each oye, ye there could spoi.  
On Ginerál Jung Bahawther, was!

This Ginerál great then tuck his sate,  
With all the other ginerals,  
(Bedad his troat, his belt, his coat,  
All bleezed with precious minerals;  
And as he there, with princely air,  
Recloinin on his cushion was,  
All round about his royal chair  
The squeezin and the pushin was.

O Pat, such girls, such Jukes, and Earls,  
Such fashion and nobilitee!  
Just think of Tim, and fancy him  
Amidst the hoigh gentilittee!  
There was Lord De L'Huys, and the Portygeese  
Ministher and his lady there,  
And I reckonized, with much surprise,  
Our messmate, Bob O'Grady, there;

\* James Matheson, Esq., to whom, and the Beard of Directors of the Peninsular and Oriental Company, I, Timotheus Molony, late stoker on board the "Iberia," the "Lady Mary Wood," the "Tagus," and the Oriental steamships, humbly dedicate this production of my grateful muse.



There was Baroness Brunow, that looked like Juno,  
 And Baroness Rehausen there,  
 And Countess Roullier, that looked peculiar  
 Well, in her robes of gauze in there.  
 There was Lord Crowhurst (I knew him first  
 When only Mr. Pips he was),  
 And Mick O'Toole, the great big fool,  
 That after supper tipsy was.

There was Lord Fingall, and his ladies all,  
 And Lords Killeen and Dufferin,  
 And Paddy Fife, with his fat wife;  
 I wondther how he could stuff her in.  
 There was Lord Belfast, that by me past,  
 And seemed to ask how should *I* go there?  
 And the Widow Macrae, and Lord A. Hay,  
 And the Marchioness of Sligo there.

Yes, Jukes, and Earls, and diamonds, and pearls,  
 And pretty girls, was spoorting there;  
 And some beside (the rogues!) I spied,  
 Behind the windles, coorting there.  
 O, there's one I know, bedad would show  
 As beautiful as any there,  
 And I'd like to hear the pipers blow,  
 And shake a fut with Fanny there.

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### *THE BATTLE OF LIMERICK.*

YE Genii of the nation,  
 Who look with veneration,  
 And Ireland's desolation onsaysingly deplore;  
 Ye sons of General Jackson,  
 Who thrample on the Saxon,  
 Attend to the thransaction upon Shannon shore.

When William, Duke of Schumbug,  
 A tyrant and a humbug,  
**With** cannon and with thunder on our city bore,  
 Our fortitude and valliance  
 Instructed his battalions  
**To** rispict the galliant Irish upon Shannon shore.

Since that capitulation,  
 No city in this nation  
**So** grand a reputation could boast before,  
 As Limerick prodigious,  
 That stands with quays and bridges,  
 And ships up to the windies of the Shannon shore

A chief of ancient line,  
 'Tis William Smith O'Brine  
**Reprisints** this darling Limerick, this ten years or more :  
 O the Saxons can't endure  
 To see him on the flure,  
**And** thrimble at the Cicero from Shannon shore !

This valliant son of Mars  
 Had been to visit Par's,  
**That** land of Revolution, that grows the tricolor ;  
 And to welcome his return  
 From pilgrimages furren,  
**We** invited him to tay on the Shannon shore.

Then we summoned to our board  
 Young Meagher of the sword :  
 'Tis he will sheathe that battle-axe in Saxon gore ;  
 And Mitchil of Belfast  
 We bade to our repast,  
**To** dthrink a dish of coffee on the Shannon shore.

Convaniently to hould  
 These patriots so bould,  
**We** took the opportunity of 'Tim Doolan's store ;  
 And with ornamints and banners  
 (As becomes gintale good manners)  
**We** made the loveliest tay-room upon Shannon shon

'Twould binifit your sowls,  
 To see the butthered rowls,  
**The** sugar-tongs and sangwidges and craim galyore,  
 And the muffins and the crumpets,  
 And the band of harps and thrumpets,  
 To celebrate the sworry upon Shannon shore.

Sure the Emperor of Bohay  
 Would be proud to dthrink the tay  
**That** Mistnress Biddy Rooney for O'Brine did pour ;  
 And, since the days of Strongbow,  
 There never was such Congo—  
**Mitchil** dthrank six quarts of it—by Shannon shore.

But Clarndon and Corry  
 Connellan beheld this sworry  
**With** rage and imulation in their black hearts' core ;  
 And they hired a gang of ruffins  
 To interrupt the muffins,  
**And** the fragrance of the Congo on the Shannon shore.

When full of tay and cake  
 O'Brine began to spake ;  
**But** juice a one could hear him, for a sudden roar  
 Of a ragamuffin rout  
 Began to yell and shout,  
**And** frighten the propriety of Shannon shore.

As Smith O'Brine harangued,  
 They batthered and they banged :  
**Tim** Doolan's doors and windies down they tore ;  
 They smashed the lovely windies  
 (Hung with muslin from the Indies),  
**Purshuing** of their shindies upon Shannon shore.

With throwing of brickbats,  
 Drowned puppies and dead rats,  
**These** ruffin democrats themselves did lower ;  
 Tin kettles, rotten eggs,  
 Cabbage-stalks, and wooden legs,  
**They** flung among the patriots of Shannon shore.



O the girls began to scrame  
And upset the milk and crame ;  
And the honorable gintlemin, they cursed and swore :  
And Mitchil of Belfast,  
'Twas he that looked aghast,  
When they roasted him in effigy by Shannon shore.

O the lovely tay was spilt  
On that day of Ireland's guilt ;  
Says Jack Mitchil, " I am kilt ! Boys, where's the back door ?  
'Tis a national disgrace :  
Let me go and veil me face ;"  
And he boulted with quick pace from the Shannon shore.

" Cut down the bloody horde ! "  
Says Meagher of the sword,  
" This conduct would disgrace any blackamore ;  
But the best use Tommy made  
Of his famous battle blade  
Was to cut his own stick from the Shannon shore.

Immortal Smith O'Brine  
Was raging like a line ;  
'Twould have done your sowl good to have heard him roar ;  
In his glory he arose,  
And he rush'd upon his foes,  
But they hit him on the nose by the Shannon shore.

Then the Futt and Dthragoons  
In squadthrons and platoons,  
With their music playing chunes, down upon us bore ;  
And they bate the rattatoo,  
But the Peelers came in view,  
And ended the shaloo on the Shannon shore.

*LARRY O'TOOLE.*

YOU'VE all heard of Larry O'Toole,  
Of the beautiful town of Drumgoole;

He had but one eye,

To ogle ye by—

Oh, murther, but that was a jew'l!

A fool

He made of de girls, dis O'Toole.

'Twas he was the boy didn't fail,

That tuck down pataties and mail;

He never would shrink

From any sthrong dthrink,

Was it whiskey or Drogheda ale;

I'm bail

This Larry would swallow a pail.

Oh, many a night at the bowl,

With Larry I've sot cheek by jowl;

He's gone to his rest,

Where there's dthrink of the best,

And so let us give his old sowl

A howl,

For 'twas he made the noggin to rowl.

*THE ROSE OF FLORA.*

*Sent by a Young Gentleman of Quality to Miss Br—dy, of Castle Brady.*

ON Brady's tower there grows a flower,

It is the loveliest flower that blows,—

At Castle Brady there lives a lady

(And how I love her no one knows);

Her name is Nora, and the goddess' Flora

Presents her with this blooming rose.

O Lady Nora," says the goddess Flora,  
 "I've many a rich and bright parterre;  
 In Brady's towers there's seven more flowers,  
 But you're the fairest lady there:  
 Not all the county, nor Ireland's bounty,  
 Can produce a treasure that's half so fair!"

What cheek is redder? sure roses fed her!"  
 Her hair is maregolds, and her eye of blew.  
 Beneath her eyelid, is like the vi'let,  
 That darkly glistens with gentle jew!  
 The lily's nature is not surely whiter  
 Than Nora's neck is,—and her arrums too.

"Come, gentle Nora," says the goddess Flora,  
 "My dearest creature, take my advice,  
 There is a poet, full well you know it,  
 Who spends his lifetime in heavy sighs,—  
 Young Redmond Barry, 'tis him you'll marry,  
 If rhyme and raisin you'd choose likewise."

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### THE LART IRISH GRIEVANCE.

ON reading of the general indignation occasioned in Ireland by the appointment of a Scotch Professor to one of HER MAJESTY'S Godless Colleges, MASTER MOLLOY MOLONY, brother of THADDEUS MOLONY, ESQ., of the Temple, a youth only fifteen years of age, dashed off the following spirited lines:—

As I think of the insult that's done to this nation,  
 Red tears of rivinge from me faytures I wash,  
 And uphold in this pome. to the world's daytistation,  
 The sleeves that appointed PROFESSOR M'COSH.

I look round me counthree, renowned by exparience,  
 And see midst her childthren, the witty, the wise,—  
 Whole hayps of logicians, potes, schollars, grammarians,  
 All ayger for pleeces, all panting to rise;



I gaze round the world in its utmost diminshion ;  
LARD JAHN and his minions in Council I ask,  
Was there ever a Government-pleece (with a pinsion)  
But children of Erin were fit for that task ?

What, Erin beloved, is thy fetal condition ?  
What shame in aych boosom must rankle and burrun,  
To think that our countree has ne'er a logician  
In the hour of her deenger will surrev her turrin !

On the logic of Saxons there's little reliance,  
And, rather from Saxons than gather its rules,  
I'd stamp under feet the base book of his science,  
And spit on his chair as he taught in the schools !

O false SIR JOHN KANE ! is it thus that you praych me ?  
I think all your Queen's Universities Bosh ;  
And if you've no neetive Professor to taych me,  
I scawurn to be learned by the Saxon M'COSH.

There's WISEMAN and CHUME, and His Grace the Lord Primate,  
That sinds round the box, and the world will subscribe ;  
'Tis they'll build a College that's fit for our climate,  
And taych me the saycrets I burn to imboibe !

'Tis there as a Student of Science I'll enther,  
Fair Fountain of Knowledge, of Joy, and Contint !  
SAINT PATHRICK'S sweet Statue shall stand in the centhier,  
And wink his dear oi every day during Lint.

And good DOCTOR NEWMAN, that praycher unwary,  
'Tis he shall preside the Academee School,  
And quit the gay robe of ST. PHILIP of Neri,  
To wield the soft rod of ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE !

# THE BALLADS OF POLICEMAN X.

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## *THE WOFLE NEW BALLAD OF JANE RONEY AND MARY BROWN.*

AN igstrawnary tail I vill tell you this veek—  
I stood in the Court of A'Beckett the Beak,  
Vere Mrs. Jane Roney, a vidow, I see,  
Who charged Mary Brown with a robbin of she.

This Mary was pore and in misery once,  
And she came to Mrs. Roney it's more than twelve monce.  
She adn't got no bed, nor no dinner nor no tea.  
And kind Mrs. Roney gave Mary all three.

Mrs. Roney kep Mary for ever so many veeks,  
(Her conduct disgusted the best of all Beax,)  
She kep her for nothink, as kind as could be,  
Never thinkin that this Mary was a traitor to she.

"Mrs. Roney, O Mrs. Roney, I feel very ill;  
Will you just step to the Doctor's for to fetch me a pill?"  
"That I will, my pore Mary," Mrs. Roney says she;  
And she goes off to the Doctor's as quickly as may be.

No sooner on this message Mrs. Roney was sped,  
Than hup gits vicked Mary, and jumps out a bed;  
She hopens all the trunks without never a key—  
She bustes all the boxes, and vith them makes free.

Mrs. Roney's best linning, gownds, petticoats, and close,  
Her children's little coats and things, her boots, and her hose,  
She packed them, and she stole 'em, and away with them did flee.  
Mrs. Roney's situation—you may think vat it would be !

Of Mary, ungrateful, who had served her this vay,  
Mrs. Roney heard nothink for a long year and a day.  
Till last Thursday, in Lambeth, ven whom should shee see  
But this Mary as had acted so ungrateful to she.

She was leaning on the helbo of a worthy young man,  
They were going to be married, and were walkin hand in hand :  
And the Church bells was a ringin for Mary and he,  
And the parson was ready, and a waitin for his fee.

When up comes Mrs. Roney, and faces Mary Brown,  
Who trembles, and castes her eyes upon the ground.  
She calls a jolly pleaseman, it happens to be me ;  
I charge this young woman, Mr. Pleaseman, says she.

“ Mrs. Roney, o, Mrs. Roney, o, do let me go,  
I acted most ungrateful I own and I know,  
But the marriage bell is a ringin, and the ring you may see,  
And this young man is a waitin,” says Mary says she.

“ I don't care three fardens for the parson and clark,  
And the bell may keep ringin from noon day to dark.  
Mary Brown, Mary Brown, you must come along with me  
And I think this young man is lucky to be free.”

So, in spite of the tears which bejew'd Mary's cheek,  
I took that young girl to A'Beckett, the Beak ;  
That exlent Justice demanded her plea—  
But never a sullable said Mary said she.

On account of her conduct so base and so vile,  
That wicked young gurl is committed for trile,  
And if she's transpawted beyond the salt sea,  
It's a proper reward for such willians as she.

Now you young gurls of Southwark for Mary who veep,  
From pickin and stealin your ands you must keep,  
Or it may be my dooty, as it was Thursday veek,  
**To pull you all hup to A'Beckett the Beak.**



## THE THREE CHRISTMAS WAITS.

My name is Pleaceman X ;  
 Last night I was in bed,  
 A dream did me perplex,  
 Which came into my Edd.  
 I dreamed I sor three Waits  
 A playing of their tune,  
 At Pimlico Palace gates,  
 All underneath the moon.  
 One puffed a hold French horn,  
 And one a hold Banjo,  
 And one chap seedy and torn  
 A Hirish pipe did blow.  
 They sadly piped and played,  
 Dexcribing of their fates ;  
 And this was what they said,  
 Those three pore Christmas Waits :

“ When this black year began,  
 This Eighteen-forty-eight,  
 I was a great great man,  
 And king both vise and great.  
 And Munseer Guizot by me did show  
 As Minister of State.

“ But Febuerry came,  
 And brought a rabble rout,  
 And me and my good dame  
 And children did **turn out**,  
 And us, in spite of **all our** right,  
 Sent to the right **about**.

“ I left my native ground,  
 I left my kin and kith,  
 I left my royal crownd,  
 Vich I couldn't travel vith,  
 And without a pound came to English ground,  
 In the name of Mr. Smith.

“ Like any anchorite  
 I’ve livèd since I came here,  
 I’ve kep myself quite quite,  
 I’ve drank the small small beer,  
 And the vater, you see, disagrees with me  
 And all my famly dear.

“ O Tweeleries so dear,  
 O darling Pally Royl,  
 Vas it to finish here  
 That I did trouble and toyl?  
 That all my plans should break in my ands,  
 And should on me recoil?

“ My state I fenced about  
 Vith baynicks and vith guns;  
 My gals I portioned hout,  
 Rich vives I got my sons;  
 O varn’t it crule to lose my rule,  
 My money and lands at once?

“ And so, with arp and woice,  
 Both troubled and shagreened,  
 I bid you to rejoice,  
 O glorious England’s Queend!  
 And never have to veep, like pore Louis-Phileep,  
 Because you out are cleaned.

“ O Prins, so brave and stout,  
 I stand before your gate;  
 Pray send a trifle hout  
 To me, your pore old Vait;  
 For nothink could be vuss than it’s been along vith us  
 In this year Forty-eight.”

“ Ven this bad year began,”  
 The next man said, saysee,  
 “ I vas a Journeyman,  
 A taylor black and free,  
 And my wife went out and chaired about,  
 And my name’s the bold Cuffee.

“The Queen and Halbert both  
I swore I would confound,  
I took a hawfle hoath  
To drag them to the ground ;  
And sevrall more with me they swore  
Against the British Crownd.

“Against her Pleacemen all  
We said we’d try our strenth ;  
Her scarlick soldiers tall  
We vow’d we’d lay full lenth :  
And out we came, in Freedom’s name,  
Last Aypril was the tenth.

“Three ’undred thousand snobs  
Came out to stop the vay.  
Vith sticks vith iron knobs,  
Or else we’d gained the day.  
The harmy quite kept out of sight,  
And so ve vent away.

“Next day the Pleacemen came—  
Rewenge it was their plann—  
And from my good old dame  
They took her tailor-mann :  
And the hard hard beak did me bespeak  
To Newgit in the Wann.

“In that etrocious Cort  
The Jewry did agree ;  
The Judge did me transport,  
To go beyond the sea :  
And so for life, from his dear wife  
They took poor old Cuffee.

“O Halbert, Appy Prince !  
With children round your knees  
Ingraving ansum Prints,  
And taking hoff your hease ;  
O think of me, the old Cuffee,  
Beyond the solt solt seas !



“ Although I’m hold and black,  
 My hanguish is most great;  
 Great Prince, O call me back,  
 And I will be your Vait!  
 And never no more vill break the Lor,  
 As I did in ’Forty-eight.”

The tailer thus did close  
 (A pore old blackymore rogue),  
 When a dismal gent uprose,  
 And spoke with Hirish brogue:  
 “ I’m Smith O’Brine, of Royal Line,  
 Descended from Rory Ogue.

“ When great O’Connle died,  
 That man whom all did trust,  
 That man whom Henglish pride  
 Beheld with such disgust,  
 Then Erin free fixed eyes on me,  
 And swear I should be fust.

“ ‘ The glorious Hirish Crown,’  
 Says she, ‘ it shall be thine:  
 Long time it’s wery well known,  
 You kep it in your line;  
 That diadem of hemerald gem  
 Is yours, my Smith O’Brine.

“ ‘ Too long the Saxon churl  
 Our land encumbered hath;  
 Arise my Prince, my Earl,  
 And brush them from thy path:  
 Rise, mighty Smith, and sweep ’em vith  
 The besom of your wrath.’

“ Then in my might I rose,  
 My country I surveyed,  
 I saw it filled with foes,  
 I viewed them undismayed;  
 ‘ Ha, ha!’ says I, the harvest’s high,  
 I’ll reap it with my blade.’

“My warriors I enrolled,  
They rallied round their lord;  
And cheafs in council old  
I summoned to the board—  
Wise Doheny and Duffy bold,  
And Meagher of the Sword.

“I stood on Slievenamaun,  
They came with pikes and bills;  
They gathered in the dawn,  
Like mist upon the hills,  
And rushed adown the mountain side  
Like twenty thousand rills.

“Their fortress we assail;  
Hurroo! my boys, hurroo!  
The bloody Saxons quail  
To hear the wild shaloo:  
Strike, and prevail, proud Innefail,  
O’Brine aboo, aboo!

“Our people they defied;  
They shot at ’em like savages,  
Their bloody guns they plied  
With sanguinary ravages:  
Hide, blushing Glory, hide  
That day among the cabbages!

“And so no more I’ll say,  
But ask your Mussy great,  
And humbly sing and pray,  
Your Majesty’s poor Wait:  
Your Smith O’Brine in ’Forty-nine  
Will blush for ’Forty-eight.”

*LINES ON A LATE HOSPICIOUS EWENT.\**

BY A GENTLEMAN OF THE FOOT-GUARDS (BLUE).

I PACED upon my beat  
 With steady step and slow,  
 All huppandownd of Ranelagh Street;  
 Ran'lagh St. Pimlico.

While marching huppandownd  
 Upon that fair May morn,  
 Behold the booming cannings sound,  
 A royal child is born!

The Ministers of State  
 Then presnly I sor,  
 They gallops to the Pallis gate,  
 In carridges and for.

With anxious looks intent,  
 Before the gate they stop,  
 There comes the good Lord President,  
 And there the Archbishopp.

Lord John he next elights;  
 And who comes here in haste?  
 'Tis the ero of one underd fights,  
 The caudle for to taste.

Then Mrs. Lily, the nuss,  
 Towards them steps with joy;  
 Says the brave old Duke, "Come tell to us,  
 Is it a gal or a boy?"

Says Mrs. L. to the Duke,  
 "Your Grace, it is *a Prince*.  
 And at that nuss's boldi rebuke,  
 He did both laugh and wince.

\* The birth of Prince Arthur.



He vews with pleasant look  
 This pooty flower of May,  
 Then says the wenerable Duke,  
 "Egad, it's my buthday."

By memory backards borne,  
 Peraps his thoughts did stray  
 To that old place where he was born,  
 Upon the first of May.

Perhaps he did recall  
 The ancient towers of Trim;  
 And County Meath and Dangan Hall  
 They did rewisit him.

I phansy of him so  
 His good old thoughts employin  
 Fourscore years and one ago  
 Beside the flowin Boyne.

His father praps he sees,  
 Most musicle of Lords,  
 A playing maddrigles and glees  
 Upon the Arpsicords.

Jest phansy this old Ero  
 Upon his mother's knee!  
 Did ever lady in this land  
 Ave greater sons than she?

And I shoudn be surprize  
 While this was in his mind,  
 If a drop there twinkled in his eyes  
 Of unfamiliar brind.

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To Hapsly Ouse neqt day  
 Drives up a Broosh and for,  
 A gracious prince sits in that Shay  
 (I mention him with Hor!)

They ring upon the bell,  
The Porter shows his Ed  
(He fought at Waterloo as vell,  
And vears a Veskit red).

To see that carriage come,  
The people round it press :  
“And is the galliant Duke at ome?”  
“Your Royal Ighness, yes.”

He stepps from out the Broosh  
And in the gate is gone ;  
And X, although the people push,  
Says wery kind, “Move hon.”

The Royal Prince unto  
The galliant Duke did say,  
“Dear Duke, my little son and you  
Was born the self same day.

“The Lady of the land,  
My wife and Sovring dear,  
It is by her horgust command  
I wait upon you here.

“That lady is as well  
As can expected be ;  
And to your Grace she bid me tell  
This gracious message free.

“That offspring of our race,  
Whom yesterday you see,  
To show our honor for your Grace,  
Prince Arthur he shall be.

“That name it rhymes to fame ;  
All Europe knows the sound :  
And I couldn't find a better name  
If you'd give me twenty pound.

“King Arthur had his knights  
That girt his table round,  
But you have won a hundred fights,  
Will match 'em I'll be bound.

“You fought with Bonypart,  
And likewise Tippoo Saib ;  
I name you then with all my heart  
The Godsire of this babe.”

That Prince his leave was took,  
His interview was done.  
So let us give the good old Duke  
Good luck of his god-son.

And wish him years of joy  
In this our time of Schism,  
And hope he'll hear the royal boy  
His little catechism.

And my pooty little Prince  
That's come our arts to cheer,  
Let me my loyal powers ewince  
A welcomin of you ere.

And the Poit-Laureat's crownd,  
I think, in some respex,  
Egstremely shootable might be found  
For honest Pleaseman X.

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*THE BALLAD OF ELIZA DAVIS.*

GALLIANT gents and lovely ladies,  
List a tail vich late befell,  
Vich I heard it, bein on duty  
At the Pleace Hoffice, Clerkenwell.

Praps you know the Fondling Chapel,  
Vere the little children sings :  
(Lor ! I likes to hear on Sundies  
Them there pooty little things !



In this street there lived a housemaid,  
 If you particklarly ask me where—  
 Vy, it vas at four-and-tventy  
 Guilford Street, by Brunsvick Square.

Vich her name was Eliza Davis,  
 And she went to fetch the beer :  
 In the street she met a party  
 As was quite surprized to see her.

Vich he vas a British Sailor,  
 For to judge him by his look :  
 Tarry jacket, canvas trowsies,  
 Ha-la Mr. T. P. Cooke.

Presently this Mann accostes  
 Of this hinnocent young gal—  
 “Pray,” saysee, “excuse my freedom,  
 You’re so like my Sister Sal !

“You’re so like my Sister Sally,  
 Both in valk and face and size,  
 Miss, that—dang my old lee scuppers,  
 It brings tears into my heyes !

“I’m a mate on board a wessel,  
 I’m a sailor bold and true :  
 Shiver up my poor old timbers,  
 Let me be a mate for you !

“What’s your name, my beauty, tell me ;”  
 And she faintly hansers, “Lore,  
 Sir, my name’s Eliza Davis,  
 And I live at twenty-four.”

Hofttimes came this British seaman,  
 This deluded gal to meet ;  
 And at twenty-four was welcome,  
 Twenty-four in Guilford Street.

And Eliza told her Master  
 (Kinder they than Missuses are),  
 How in marridge he had ast her,  
 Like a galliant Brittish Tar.

And he brought his landlady vith him  
    (Vich vas all his hartful plan),  
And she told how Charley Thompson  
    Reely vas a good young man.

And how she herself had lived in  
    Many years of union sweet,  
Vith a gent she met promiskous,  
    Valkin in the public street.

And Eliza listened to them,  
    And she thought that soon their bands  
Vould be published at the Fondlin,  
    Hand the clergyman jine their ands.

And he ast about the lodgers  
    (Vich her master let some rooms),  
Likevise vere they kep their things, and  
    Vere her master kep his spoons.

Hand this vicked Charley Thompson  
    Came on Sundy veek to see her;  
And he sent Eliza Davis  
    Hout to fetch a pint of beer.

Hand while pore Eliza vent to  
    Fetch the beer, dewoid of sin,  
This etrocious Charley Thompson  
    Let his wile accomplish hin.

To the lodgers, their apartments,  
    This abandingd female goes,  
Prigs their shirts and umberellas;  
    Prigs their boots, and hats, and clothes.

Vile the scoundrle Charley Thompson,  
    Lest his wictim should escape,  
Hocust her vith rum and vater,  
    Like a fiend in huming shape.

But a hi was fixt upon 'em  
    Vich these raskles little sore;  
Namely, Mr. Hide, the landlord  
    Of the house at twenty-four.

He vas valkin in his garden,  
Just afore he vent to sup;  
And on looking up he sor the  
Lodgers' vinders lighted hup.

Hup the stairs the landlord tumbled;  
Something's going wrong, he said;  
And he caught the vicked voman  
Underneath the lodgers' bed.

And he called a brother Pleaseman,  
Vich was passing on his beat;  
Like a true and galliant feller,  
Hup and down in Guilford Street.

And that Pleaseman able-bodied  
Took this voman to the cell;  
To the cell vere she was quodded,  
In the Close of Clerkenwell.

And though vicked Charley Thompson  
Boulted like a miscrant base,  
Presently another Pleaseman  
Took him to the self-same place.

And this precious pair of raskles  
Tuesday last came up for doom;  
By the beak they was committed,  
Vich his name was Mr. Combe.

Has for pöör Eliza Davis,  
Simple gurl of tventy-four,  
*She*, I ope, vill never listen  
In the streets to sailors moar.

But if she must ave a sweet-art  
(Vich most every gurl expex),  
Let her take a jolly pleaseman;  
Vich his name peraps is—X.



*DAMAGES, TWO HUNDRED POUNDS.*

SPECIAL Jurymen of England ! who admire your country's laws,  
 And proclaim a British Jury worthy of the realm's applause ;  
 Gayly compliment each other at the issue of a cause  
 Which was tried at Guildford 'sizes, this day week as ever was.

Unto that august tribunal comes a gentleman in grief,  
 (Special was the British Jury, and the Judge, the Baron Chief,)  
 Comes a British man and husband—asking of the law relief,  
 For his wife was stolen from him—he'd have vengeance on the  
 thief.

Yes, his wife, the blessed treasure with the which his life was  
 crowned,  
 Wickedly was ravished from him by a hypocrite profound.  
 And he comes before twelve Britons, men for sense and truth  
 renowned,  
 To award him for his damage, twenty hundred sterling pound.

He by counsel and attorney there at Guildford does appear,  
 Asking damage of the villain who seduced his lady dear .  
 But I can't help asking, though the lady's guilt was all too clear,  
 And though guilty the defendant, wasn't the plaintiff rather queer ?  
 First the lady's mother spoke, and said she'd seen her daughter  
 cry

But a fortnight after marriage : early times for piping eye.  
 Six months after, things were worse, and the piping eye was black,  
 And this gallant British husband caned his wife upon the back.

Three months after they were married, husband pushed her to the  
 door,  
 Told her to be off and leave him, for he wanted her no more.  
 As she would not go, why *he* went : thrice he left his lady dear .  
 Left her, too, without a penny, for more than a quarter of a year.

Mrs. Frances Duncan knew the parties very well indeed,  
 She had seen him pull his lady's nose and make her lip to bleed ;  
 If he chanced to sit at home not a single word he said :  
 Once she saw him throw the cover of a dish at his lady's head.

Sarah Green, another witness, clear did to the jury note  
 How she saw this honest fellow seize his lady by the throat,  
 How he cursed her and abused her, beating her into a fit,  
 Till the pitying next-door neighbors crossed the wall and witnessed it.

Next door to this injured Briton Mr. Owers a butcher dwelt ;  
 Mrs. Owers's foolish heart towards this erring dame did melt ;  
 (Not that she had erred as yet, crime was not developed in her),  
 But being left without a penny, Mrs. Owers supplied her dinner—  
 God be merciful to Mrs. Owers, who was merciful to this sinner !

Caroline Naylor was their servant, said they led a wretched life,  
 Saw this most distinguished Briton fling a teacup at his wife ;  
 He went out to balls and pleasures, and never once, in ten months' space,  
 Sat with his wife or spoke her kindly. This was the defendant's case.

Pollock, C. B., charged the Jury ; said the woman's guilt was clear :

That was not the point, however, which the Jury came to hear ;  
 But the damage to determine which, as it should true appear,  
 This most tender-hearted husband, who so used his lady dear—

Beat her, kicked her, caned her, cursed her, left her starving, year by year,  
 Flung her from him, parted from her, wrung her neck, and boxed her ear—

What the reasonable damage this afflicted man could claim,  
 By the loss of the affections of this guilty graceless dame ?

Then the honest British Twelve, to each other turning round,  
 Laid their clever heads together with a wisdom most profound :  
 And towards his Lordship looking, spoke the foreman wise and sound ;—

“ My Lord, we find for this here plaintiff, damages two hundred pound.”

So, God bless the Special Jury ! pride and joy of English ground,  
 And the happy land of England, where true justice does abound !  
 British jurymen and husbands, let us hail this verdict proper :  
 If a British wife offends you, Britons, you've a right to whop her.



Though you promised to protect her, though you promised to  
defend her,  
You are welcome to neglect her : to the devil you may send her :  
You may strike her, curse, abuse her ; so declares our law  
renowned ;  
And if after this you lose her,—why, you're paid two hundred  
pound.

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*THE KNIGHT AND THE LADY.*

THERE'S in the Vest a city pleasant  
To vich King Bladud gev his name,  
And in that city there's a Crescent  
Vere dwelt a noble knight of fame.

Although that galliant knight is oldish,  
Although Sir John as gray, gray air,  
Hage has not made his busum coldish,  
His Art still beats tewodds the Fair !

'Twas two years sins, this knight so splendid,  
Peraps fateagued with Bath's routines,  
To Paris towne his phootsteps bended  
In sutch of gayer folks and seans.

His and was free, his means was easy,  
A nobler, finer gent than he  
Ne'er drove about the Shons-Eleesy,  
Or paced the Roo de Rivolee.

A brougham and pair Sir John prowided,  
In which abroad he loved to ride ;  
But ar ! he most of all enjyed it,  
When some one helse was sittin' inside !

That " some one helse " a lovely dame was,  
Dear ladies, you will heasy tell—  
Countess Grabrowski her sweet name was,  
A noble title, ard to spell.



This faymus Countess ad a daughter  
 Of lovely form and tender art ;  
 A nobleman in marridge sought her,  
 By name the Baron of Saint Bart.

Their pashn touched the noble Sir John,  
 It was so pewer and profound ;  
 Lady Grabrowski he did urge on  
 With Hyming's wreeth their loves to crownd.

" O, come to Bath, to Lansdowne Crescent,"  
 Says kind Sir John, " and live with me ;  
 The living there's uncommon pleasant—  
 I'm sure you'll find the hair agree.

" O, come to Bath, my fair Grabrowski,  
 And bring your charming girl," sezee ;  
 " The Barring here shall have the ouse-key,  
 Vith breakfast, dinner, lunch, and tea.

" And when they've passed an appy winter,  
 Their opes and loves no more we'll bar ;  
 The marridge-vow they'll enter inter,  
 And I at church will be their Par."

To Bath they went to Lansdowne Crescent,  
 Where good Sir John he did provide  
 No end of teas and balls incessant,  
 And hosses both to drive and ride.

He was so Ospitably busy,  
 When Miss was late, he'd make so bold  
 Up stairs to call out, " Missy, Missy,  
 Come down, the coffy's getting cold ! "

But O ! 'tis sadd to think such bounties  
 Should meet with such return as this ;  
 O Barring of Saint Bart, O Countess  
 Grabrowski, and O cruel Miss !

He married you at Bath's fair Habby,  
 Saint Bart he treated like a son—  
 And wasn't it uncommon shabby  
 To do what you have went and done !

My trembling And amost refewses  
To write the charge which Sir John swore,  
Of which the Countess he ecuses,  
Her daughter and her son-in-lore.

My Mews quite blushes as she sings of  
The fatle charge which now I quote :  
He says Miss took his two best rings off,  
And pawned 'em for a tenpun note.

“ Is this the child of honest parince,  
To make away with folks' best things ?  
Is this, pray, like the wives of Barrins,  
To go and prig a gentleman's rings ? ”

Thus thought Sir John, by anger wrought on,  
And to rewenge his injured cause,  
He brought them hup to Mr. Broughton,  
Last Vensday veek as ever waws.

If guiltless, how she have been slandered !  
If guilty, wengeance will not fail :  
Meanwhile the lady is remanded  
And gev three hundred pouns in bail.

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*JACOB HOMNIUM'S HOSS.**A NEW PALLICE COURT CHAUNT.*

ONE sees in Viteall Yard,  
Vere pleacemen do resort,  
A wenerable hinstitude,  
'Tis call'd the Pallis Court.  
A gent as got his i on it,  
I think 'twill make some sport.

The natur of this Court  
My hindignation riles :  
A few fat legal spiders  
Here set & spin their viles ;  
To rob the town theyr privilege is,  
In a hayrea of twelve miles.

The Judge of this year Court  
 Is a mellitary beak,  
 He knows no more of Lor  
 Than praps he does of Greek,  
 And provids hissself a deputy  
 Because he cannot speak.

Four counsel in this Court—  
 Misnamed of Justice—sits;  
 These lawyers owes their places to  
 Their money, not their wits;  
 And there's six attornies under them,  
 As here their living gits.

These lawyers, six and four,  
 Was a livin at their ease,  
 A sendin of their writs abowt,  
 And droring in the fees,  
 When their erose a cirkimstance  
 As is like to make a breeze.

It now is some monce since,  
 A gent both good and trew  
 Possest an ansum oss vith vich  
 He didn know what to do:  
 Peraps he did not like the oss,  
 Peraps he was a scru.

This gentleman his oss  
 At Tattersall's did lodge;  
 There came a vulgar oss-dealer,  
 This gentleman's name did fodge,  
 And took the oss from Tattersall's;  
 Wasn that a artful dodge?

One day this gentleman's groom  
 This willain did spy out,  
 A mounted on this oss  
 A ridin him about;  
 "Get out of that there oss, you rogue,"  
 Speaks up the groom so sount.



The thief was cruel whex'd  
 To find himself so pinn'd ;  
 The oss began to whinny,  
 The honest groom he grinn'd ;  
 And the raskle thief got off the oss  
 And cut away like vind.

And phansy with what joy  
 The master did regard  
 His dearly bluvd lost oss again  
 Trot in the stable yard !

Who was this master good  
 Of whomb I makes these rhymes ?  
 His name is Jacob Homnium, Esquire ;  
 And if I'd committed crimes,  
 Good Lord ! I wouldn't ave that mann  
 Attack me in the *Times* !

Now shortly after the groomb  
 His master's oss did take up,  
 There came a livery-man  
 This gentleman to wake up ;  
 And he handed in a little bill,  
 Which hangered Mr. Jacob.

For two pound seventeen  
 This livery-man eplied,  
 For the keep of Mr. Jacob's oss,  
 Which the thief had took to ride.  
 " Do you see anythink green in me ? "  
 Mr. Jacob Homnium cried.

" Because a raskle chews  
 My oss away to robb,  
 And goes tick at your Mews  
 For seven-and-fifty bobb,  
 Shall I be call'd to pay ?—It is  
 A iniquitious Jobb."

Thus Mr. Jacob cut  
 The conwasation short ;  
 The livery-man went ome,

Detummingd to ave sport,  
And summingsd Jacob Homnium, Exquire,  
Into the Pallis Court.

Pore Jacob went to Court,  
A Counsel for to fix,  
And choose a barrister out of the four,  
An attorney of the six :  
And there he sor these men of Lor,  
And watch'd 'em at their tricks.

The dreadful day of trile  
In the Pallis Court did come ;  
'The lawyers said their say,  
The Judge look'd wery glum,  
And then the British Jury cast  
Pore Jacob Hom-ni-um.

O a weary day was that  
For Jacob to go through ;  
The debt was two seventeen  
(Which he no mor owed than you),  
And then there was the plaintives costs,  
Eleven pound six and two.

And then there was his own,  
Which the lawyers they did fix  
At the wery moderit figgar  
Of ten pound one and six.  
Now Evins bless the Pallis Court,  
And all its bold ver-dicks !

I cannot settingly tell  
If Jacob swaw and cust,  
At aving for to pay this sumb ;  
But I should think he must,  
And av drawn a check for £24 4s. 8d.  
With most igstreme disgust.

O Pallis Court, you move  
My pittty most profound,  
A most emusing sport

You thought it, I'll be bound,  
To saddle hup a three-pound debt,  
With two-and-twenty pound.

Good sport it is to you  
To grind the honest pore,  
To pay their just or unjust debts  
With eight hundred per cent. for Lor:  
Make haste and get your costes in,  
They will not last much mor!

Come down from that tribewn,  
Thou shameless and Unjust;  
Thou Swindle, picking pockets in  
The name of Truth august:  
Come down, thou hoary Blasphemy,  
For die thou shalt and must.

And go it, Jacob Homnium,  
And ply your iron pen,  
And rise up, Sir John Jervis,  
And shut me up that den;  
That sty for fattening lawyers in  
On the bones of honest men.

PLEACEMAN X.

THE SPECULATORS.

The night was stormy and dark, The town was shut up in  
sleep: Only those were abroad who were out on a lark, Or those  
who'd no beds to keep.

I pass'd through the lonely street, The wind did sing and blow;  
I could hear the policeman's feet Clapping to and fro.

There stood a potato-man In the middle of all the wet; He  
stood with his 'tato-can In the lonely Haymarket.

Two gents of dismal mien, And dank and greasy rags, Came  
out of a shop for gin, Swaggering over the flags;



Swaggering over the stones, These shabby bucks did walk;  
And I went and followed those seedy ones, And listened to their  
talk.

Was I sober or awake? Could I believe my ears? Those  
dismal beggars spake Of nothing but railroad shares.

I wondered more and more : Says one—" Good friend of mine,  
How many shares have you wrote for, In the Diddlesex Junction  
line ? "

" I wrote for twenty," says Jim, " But they wouldn't give me  
one ; " His comrade straight rebuked him For the folly he had  
done :

" O Jim, you are unawares Of the ways of this bad town ; *I*  
always write for five hundred shares, And *then* they put me down."

" And yet you got no shares," Says Jim, " for all your boast ; "  
" *I would* have wrote," says Jack, " but where Was the penny to  
pay the post ? "

" I lost, for I couldn't pay That first instalment up ; But  
here's 'taters smoking hot—I say, Let's stop, my boy, and sup."

And at this simple feast The while they did regale, I drew  
each ragged capitalist Down on my left thumb-nail.

Their talk did me perplex, All night I tumbled and tost, And  
thought of railroad specs, And how money was won and lost.

" Bless railroads everywhere," I said, " and the world's  
advance ; Bless every railroad share In Italy, Ireland, France ;  
For never a beggar need now despair, And every rogue has a  
chance."

*A WOEFUL NEW BALLAD.*

OF THE

*PROTESTANT CONSPIRACY TO TAKE THE POPE'S LIFE.*

(BY A GENTLEMAN WHO HAS BEEN ON THE SPOT.)

COME all ye Christian people, unto my tale give ear,  
'Tis about a base consperracy, as quickly shall appear ;  
'Twill make your hair to bristle up, and your eyes to start and glow,  
When of this dread consperracy you honest folks shall know.

The news of this consperracy and villianous attempt,  
I read it in a newspaper, from Italy it was sent :  
It was sent from lovely Italy, where the olives they do grow,  
And our Holy Father lives, yes, yes, while his name it is NO NO.

And 'tis there our English noblemen goes that is Puseyites no  
longer,  
Because they finds the ancient faith both better is and stronger.  
And 'tis there I knelt beside my lord when he kiss'd the POPE his  
toe,  
And hung his neck with chains at Saint Peter's Vinculo.

And 'tis there the splendid churches is, and the fountains playing  
grand,  
And the palace of PRINCE TORLONIA, likewise the Vatican ;  
And there's the stairs where the bagpipe-men and the piffararys  
blow.  
And it's there I drove my lady and lord in the Park of Pincio.

And 'tis there our splendid churches is in all their pride and glory,  
Saint Peter's famous Basilisk and Saint Mary's Maggiory ;  
And them benighted Prodestants, on Sunday they must go  
Outside the town to the preaching-shop by the gate of Popolo.

Now in this town of famous Room, as I dessay you have heard,  
There is scarcely any gentleman as hasn't got a beard.  
And ever since the world began it was ordained so,  
That there should always barbers be wheresumever beards do grow.



And as it always has been so since the world it did begin,  
 Ahe Pope, our Holy Potentate, has a beard upon his chin;  
 And every morning regular when cocks begin to crow,  
 There comes a certing party to wait on POPE PIO.

There comes a certing gintleman with razier, soap and lather,  
 A shaving most respectfully the POPE, our Holy Father.  
 And now the dread consperracy I'll quickly to you show,  
 Which them sanguinary Prodestants did form against NONO.

Them sanguinary Prodestants, which I abore and hate,  
 Assembled in the preaching-shop by the Flaminian gate;  
 And they took counsel with their selves to deal a deadly blow  
 Against our gentle Father, the Holy POPE PIO.

Exhibiting a wickedness which I never heerd or read of;  
 What do you think them Prodestants wished? to cut the good  
     Pope's head off!

And to the kind POPE'S Air-dresser the Prodestant Clark did go,  
 And proposed him to decapitate the innocent PIO.

"What hever can be easier," said this Clerk—this Man of Sin,  
 "When you are called to hoperate on His Holiness's chin,  
 Than just to give the razier a little slip—just so?—  
 And there's an end, dear barber, of innocent PIO!"

This wicked conversation it chanced was overerd  
 By an Italian lady; she heard it every word:  
 Which by birth she was a Marchioness, in service forced to go  
 With the parson of the preaching-shop at the gate of Popolo.

When the lady heard the news, as duty did obleege,  
 As fast as her legs could carry her she ran to the Poleege.  
 "O Polegia," says she (for they pronouns it so),  
 "They're going for to massyker our Holy POPE PIO.

"The ebomminable Englishmen, the Parsing and his Clark,  
 His Holiness's Air-dresser devised it in the dark!  
 And I would recommend you in prison for to throw  
 These villians would esassinate the Holy POPE PIO!

"And for saving of His Holiness and his trebble crownd  
 I humbly hope your Worships will give me a few pound;



Because I was a Marchioness many years ago,  
Before I came to service at the gate of Popolo."

That sackreligious Air-dresser, the Parson and his man,  
Wouldn't, though ask'd continyally, own their wicked plan—  
And so the kind Authoraties let those villians go  
That was plotting of the murder of the good PIO NONO,

Now isn't this safishnt proof, ye gentlemen at home,  
How wicked is them Prodestants, and how good our Pope at Rome ;  
So let us drink confusion to LORD JOHN and LORD MINTO  
And a health unto His Eminence and good PIO NONO.

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*THE LAMENTABLE BALLAD OF THE FOUNDLING OF SHOREDITCH.*

COME all ye Christian people, and listen to my tail,  
It was all about a doctor was travelling by the rail,  
By the Heastern Counties' Railway (vich the shares I don't desire),  
From Ixworth town in Suffolk, vich his name did not transpire.

A travelling from Bury this Doctor was employed  
With a gentleman, a friend of his, vich his name was Captain Loyd,  
And on reaching Marks Tey Station, that is next beyond Colchest-  
er, a lady entered in to them most elegantly dressed.

She entered into the Carriage all with a tottering step,  
And a pooty little Bayby upon her bussum slep ;  
The gentleman received her with kindness and siwillaty,  
Pitying this lady for her illness and debillaty.

She had a fust-class ticket, this lovely lady said,  
Because it was so lonesome she took a secknd instead.  
Better to travel by secknd class, than sit alone in the fust,  
And the pooty little Baby upon her breast she nust.

A seein of her cryin, and shiverin and pail,  
To her spoke this surging, the Ero of my tail ;

Saysee you look unwell, Ma'am, I'll elp you if I can,  
And you may tell your case to me, for I'm a meddicle man.

"Thank you, Sir," the lady said, "I only look so pale,  
Because I ain't accustom'd to travelling on the Rale;  
I shall be better presnly, when I've ad some rest:"  
And that pooty little Baby she squeegeed it to her breast.

So in conwersation the journey they beguiled,  
Captain Loyd and the meddicle man, and the lady and the child,  
Till the warious stations along the line was passed,  
For even the Heastern Counties' trains must come in at last.

When at Shoreditch tumminus at lenth stopped the train,  
This kind meddicle gentleman proposed his aid again.  
"Thank you, Sir," the lady said, "for your kyindness dear;  
My carridge and my osses is probibbly come here.

"Will you old this baby, please, vilst I step and see?"  
The Doctor was a famly man: "That I will," says he.  
Then the little child she kist, kist it very gently,  
Vich was sucking his little fist, sleeping innocently.

With a sigh from her art, as though she would have bust it,  
Then she gave the Doctor the child—wery kind he nust it:  
Hup then the lady jumped hoff the bench she sat from,  
Tumbled down the carridge steps and ran along the platform.

Vile hall the other passengers vent upon their vays,  
The Capting and the Doctor sat there in a maze;  
Some vent in an Homminibus, some vent in a Cabby,  
The Capting and the Doctor vaited vith the babby.

There they sat looking queer, for an hour or more,  
But their feller passinger neather on 'em sore:  
Never, never back again did that lady come  
To that pooty sleeping Hinfnt a sucking of his Thum!

What could this pore Doctor do, bein treated thus,  
When the darling baby woke, cryin for its nuss?  
Off he drove to a female friend, vich she was both kind and mild,  
And igsplained to her the circumstance of this year little child.



That kind lady took the child instantly in her lap,  
 And made it very comfortable by giving it some pap ;  
 And when she took its close off, what d'you think she found ?  
 A couple of ten pun notes sewn up, in its little gownd !

Also in its little close, was a note which did conwey,  
 That this little baby's parents lived in a handsome way  
 And for its Headucation they regularly would pay,  
 And sirtingly like gentlefolks would claim the child one day,  
 If the Christian people who'd charge of it would say,  
 Per adwertisement in *The Times* where the baby lay.

Pity of this bayby many people took,  
 It had such pooty ways and such a pooty look ;  
 And there came a lady forrard (I wish that I could see  
 Any kind lady as would do as much for me ;

Aand I wish with all my art, some night in *my* night gownd,  
 I could find a note stitched for ten or twenty pound)—  
 There came a lady forrard, that most honorable did say,  
 She'd adopt this little baby, which her parents cast away.

While the Doctor pondered on this hoffer fair,  
 Comes a letter from Devonshire, from a party there,  
 Hordering the Doctor, at its Mar's desire,  
 To send the little Infant back to Devonshire.

Lost in apoplexy, this pore meddicle man,  
 Like a sensible gentleman, to the Justice ran ;  
 Which his name was Mr. Hammill, a honorable beak,  
 That takes his seat in Worship Street four times a week.

" O Justice ! " says the Doctor, " instrugt me what to do.  
 I've come up from the country, to throw myself on you ;  
 My patients have no doctor to tend them in their ills,  
 (There they are in Suffolk without their draffts and pills !)

" I've come up from the country, to know how I'll dispose  
 Of this pore little baby, and the twenty pun note, and the close,  
 And I want to go back to Suffolk, dear Justice, if you please,  
 And my patients wants their Doctor, and their Doctor wants  
 his feez."



Up spoke Mr. Hammill, sittin at his desk,  
 "This year application does me much perplex;  
 What I do advise you, is to leave this babby  
 In the Parish where it was left, by its mother shabby."

The Doctor from his Worship sadly did depart—  
 He might have left the baby, but he hadn't got the heart  
 To go for to leave that Hinnocent, has the laws allows,  
 To the tender mussies of the Union House.

Mother, who left this little one on a stranger's knee,  
 Think how cruel you have been, and how good was he!  
 Think, if you've been guilty, innocent was she;  
 And do not take unkindly this little word of me:  
 Heaven be merciful to us all, sinners as we be!

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### THE ORGAN-BOY'S APPEAL.

"WESTMINSTER POLICE COURT. — POLICEMAN X brought a paper of doggerel verses to the MAGISTRATE, which had been thrust into his hands, X said, by an Italian boy, who ran away immediately afterwards.

"The MAGISTRATE, after perusing the lines, looked hard at X, and said he did not think they were written by an Italian.

X, blushing, said he thought the paper read in Court last week, and which frightened so the old gentleman to whom it was addressed, was also not of Italian origin."

O SIGNOR BRODERIP, you are a wickid ole man,  
 You wexis us little horgin-boys whenever you can:  
 How dare you talk of Justice, and go for to seek  
 To pussicute us horgin-boys, you senguinary Beek?

Though you set in Vestminster surrounded by your crushers,  
 Harrogint and habsolute like the Hortacrat of hall the Rushers,  
 Yet there is a better vurld, I'd have you for to know,  
 Likewise a place vere the henimies of horgin-boys will go.

O you vickid HEROD without any pity!  
 London vithout horgin-boys vood be a dismal city.  
 Sweet SAINT CICILY who first taught horgin-pipes to blow  
 Soften the heart of this Magistrit that haggerywates us so!

Good Italian gentlemen, fatherly and kind,  
 Brings us over to London here our horgins for to grind;  
 Sends us out vith little vite mice and guinea-pigs also  
 A popping of the Veasel and Jumpin of JIM CROW.

And as us young horgin-boys is grateful in our turn  
 We gives to these kind gentlemen hall the money we earn,  
 Because that they vood vop us as wery wel we know  
 Unless we brought our hurnings back to them as loves us so.

O MR. BRODERIP! wery much I'm surprise,  
 Ven you take your valks abroad where can be your eyes?  
 If a Beak had a heart then you'd compryend  
 Us pore little horgin-boys was the poor man's friend.

Don't you see the shildren in the droring-rooms  
 Clapping of their little ands when they year our toons?  
 On their mothers' bussums don't you see the babbies crow  
 And down to us dear horgin-boys lots of apence throw?

Don't you see the ousemaids (pooty POLLIES and MARIES),  
 Ven ve bring our urdigurdies, smiling from the hairies?  
 Then they come out vith a slice o' cole puddn or a bit o' bacon  
 or so  
 And give it us young horgin-boys for lunch afore we go.

Have you ever seen the Hirish children sport  
 When our velcome music-box brings sunshine in the Court?  
 To these little paupers who can never pay  
 Surely all good horgin-boys, for GOD's love, will play,

Has for those proud gentlemen, like a serting B—k  
 (Vich I von't be pussonal and therefore vil not speak),  
 That flings their parler-vinders hup ven ve begin to play  
 And cusses us and swears at us in such a violent way.

Instedd of their abewsing and calling hout Poleece  
 Let em send out JOHN to us vith sixpence or a shillin apiece.  
 Then like good young horgin-boys away from there we'll go,  
 Blessing sweet SAINT CICILY that taught our pipes to blow.

*LITTLE BILLEE. \**

AIR—" *Il y avait un petit navire.*"

THERE were three sailors of Bristol city  
Who took a boat and went to sea.  
But first with beef and captain's biscuits  
And pickled pork they loaded she.

There was gorging Jack and guzzling Jimmy,  
And the youngest he was little Billee.  
Now when they got as far as the Equator  
They'd nothing left but one split pea.

Says gorging Jack to guzzling Jimmy,  
"I am extremely hungaree."  
To gorging Jack says guzzling Jimmy,  
"We've nothing left, us must eat we."

Says gorging Jack to guzzling Jimmy,  
"With one another we shouldn't agree!  
There's little Bill, he's young and tender,  
We're old and tough, so let's eat he.

"Oh! Billy, we're going to kill and eat you,  
So undo the button of your chemie."  
When Bill received this information  
He used his pocket handkerchie.

"First let me say my catechism,  
Which my poor mamy taught to me."  
"Make haste, make haste," says guzzling Jimmy,  
While Jack pulled out his snickersnee.

So Billy went up to the main-top gallant mast,  
And down he fell on his bended knee.  
He scarce had come to the twelfth commandment  
When up he jumps. "There's land I see:

\* As different versions of this popular song have been set to music and sung, no apology is needed for the insertion in these pages of what is considered to be the correct version.



“Jerusalem and Madagascar,  
And North and South Amerikee :  
There’s the British flag a riding at anchor,  
With Admiral Napier, K. C. B.”

So when they got aboard of the Admiral’s  
He hanged fat Jack and flogged Jimmee ;  
But as for little Bill he made him  
The Captain of a Seventy-three.

### THE END OF THE PLAY.

THE play is done ; the curtain drops,  
Slow falling to the prompter’s bell :  
A moment yet the actor stops,  
And looks around, to say farewell.  
It is an irksome word and task ;  
And, when he’s laughed and said his say,  
He shows, as he removes the mask,  
A face that’s anything but gay.

One word, ere yet the evening ends,  
Let’s close it with a parting rhyme,  
And pledge a hand to all young friends,  
As fits the merry Christmas time.\*  
On life’s wide scene you, too, have parts,  
That Fate ere long shall bid you play ;  
Good night ! with honest gentle hearts  
A kindly greeting go away !

Good night !—I’d say, the griefs, the joys,  
Just hinted in this mimic page,  
The triumphs and defeats of boys,  
Are but repeated in our age.  
I’d say, your woes were not less keen,  
Your hopes more vain than those of men ;  
Your pangs or pleasures of fifteen  
At forty-five played o’er again.

\* These verses were printed at the end of a Christmas Book (1848-9), “Dr. Birch and his Young Friends.”

I'd say, we suffer and we strive,  
Not less nor more as men than boys;  
With grizzled beards at forty-five,  
As erst at twelve in corduroys.  
And if, in time of sacred youth,  
We learned at home to love and pray,  
Pray Heaven that early Love and Truth  
May never wholly pass away.

And in the world, as in the school,  
I'd say, how fate may change and shift;  
The prize be sometimes with the fool,  
The race not always to the swift.  
The strong may yield, the good may fall  
The great man be a vulgar clown,  
The knave be lifted over all,  
The kind cast pitilessly down.

Who knows the inscrutable design?  
Blessed be He who took and gave!  
Why should your mother, Charles, not mine,  
Be weeping at her darling's grave? \*  
We bow to Heaven that will'd it so,  
That darkly rules the fate of all,  
That sends the respite or the blow,  
That's free to give, or to recall.

This crowns his feast with wine and wit:  
Who brought him to that mirth and state?  
His betters, see, below him sit,  
Or hunger hopeless at the gate.  
Who bade the mud from Dives' wheel  
To spurn the rags of Lazarus?  
Come, brother, in that dust we'll kneel,  
Confessing Heaven that ruled it thus.

So each shall mourn, in life's advance,  
Dear hopes, dear friends, untimely killed;  
Shall grieve for many a forfeit chance,  
And longing passion unfulfilled.

\* C.B. ob. 29th November, 1848, æt. 42.

Amen ! whatever fate be sent,  
Pray God the heart may kindly glow,  
Although the head with cares be bent,  
And whitened with the winter snow.

Come wealth or want, come good or ill,  
Let young and old accept their part,  
And bow before the Awful Will,  
And bear it with an honest heart,  
Who misses or who wins the prize.  
Go, lose or conquer as you can ;  
But if you fail, or if you rise,  
Be each, pray God, a gentleman.

A gentleman, or old or young !  
(Bear kindly with my humble lays) ;  
The sacred chorus first was sung  
Upon the first of Christmas days :  
The shepherds heard it overhead—  
The joyful angels raised it then :  
Glory to Heaven on high, it said,  
And peace on earth to gentle men.

My song, save this, is little worth ;  
I lay the weary pen aside,  
And wish you health, and love, and mirth,  
As fits the solemn Christmas-tide.  
As fits the holy Christmas birth,  
Be this, good friends, our carol still—  
Be peace on earth, be peace on earth,  
To men of gentle will.

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*VANITAS VANITATUM.*

How spake of old the Royal Seer?  
(His text is one I love to treat on.)  
This life of ours he said is sheer  
*Mataiotes Mataioteton.*



O Student of this gilded Book,  
Declare, while musing on its pages,  
If truer words were ever spoke  
By ancient, or by modern sages ?

The various authors' names but note,\*  
French, Spanish, English, Russians, Germans :  
And in the volume polyglot,  
Sure you may read a hundred sermons !

What histories of life are here,  
More wild than all romancers' stories ;  
What wondrous transformations queer,  
What homilies on human glories !

What theme for sorrow or for scorn !  
What chronicle of Fate's surprises—  
Of adverse fortune nobly borne,  
Of chances, changes, ruins, rises !

Of thrones upset, and sceptres broke,  
How strange a record here is written  
Of honors, dealt as if in joke ;  
Of brave desert unkindly smitten.

How low men were, and how they rise !  
How high they were, and how they tumble !  
O vanity of vanities !  
O laughable, pathetic jumble !

Here between honest Janin's joke  
And his Turk Excellency's firman,  
I write my name upon the book :  
I write my name—and end my sermon.

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O vanity of vanities !  
How wayward the decrees of Fate are ;  
How very weak the very wise,  
How very small the very great are !

\* Between a page by Jules Janin, and a poem by the Turkish Ambassador, in Madame de R——'s album, containing the autographs of kings, princes, poets, marshals, musicians, diplomatists, statesmen, artists, and men of letters of all nations.

What mean these stale moralities,  
Sir Preacher, from your desk you mumble ?  
Why rail against the great and wise,  
And tire us with your ceaseless grumble ?

Pray choose us out another text,  
O man morose and narrow-minded  
Come turn the page—I read the next,  
And then the next, and still I find it.

Read here how Wealth aside was thrust,  
And Folly set in place exalted ;  
How Princes footed in the dust,  
While lackeys in the saddle vaulted.

Though thrice a thousand years are past,  
Since David's son, the sad and splendid,  
The weary King Ecclesiast,  
Upon his awful tablets penned it,—

Methinks the text is never stale,  
And life is every day renewing  
Fresh comments on the old old tale  
Of Folly, Fortune, Glory, Ruin.

Hark to the Preacher, preaching still  
He lifts his voice and cries his sermon,  
Here at St. Peter's of Cornhill,  
As yonder on the Mount of Hermon ;

For you and me to heart to take  
(O dear beloved brother readers)  
To-day as when the good King spake  
Beneath the solemn Syrian cedars.





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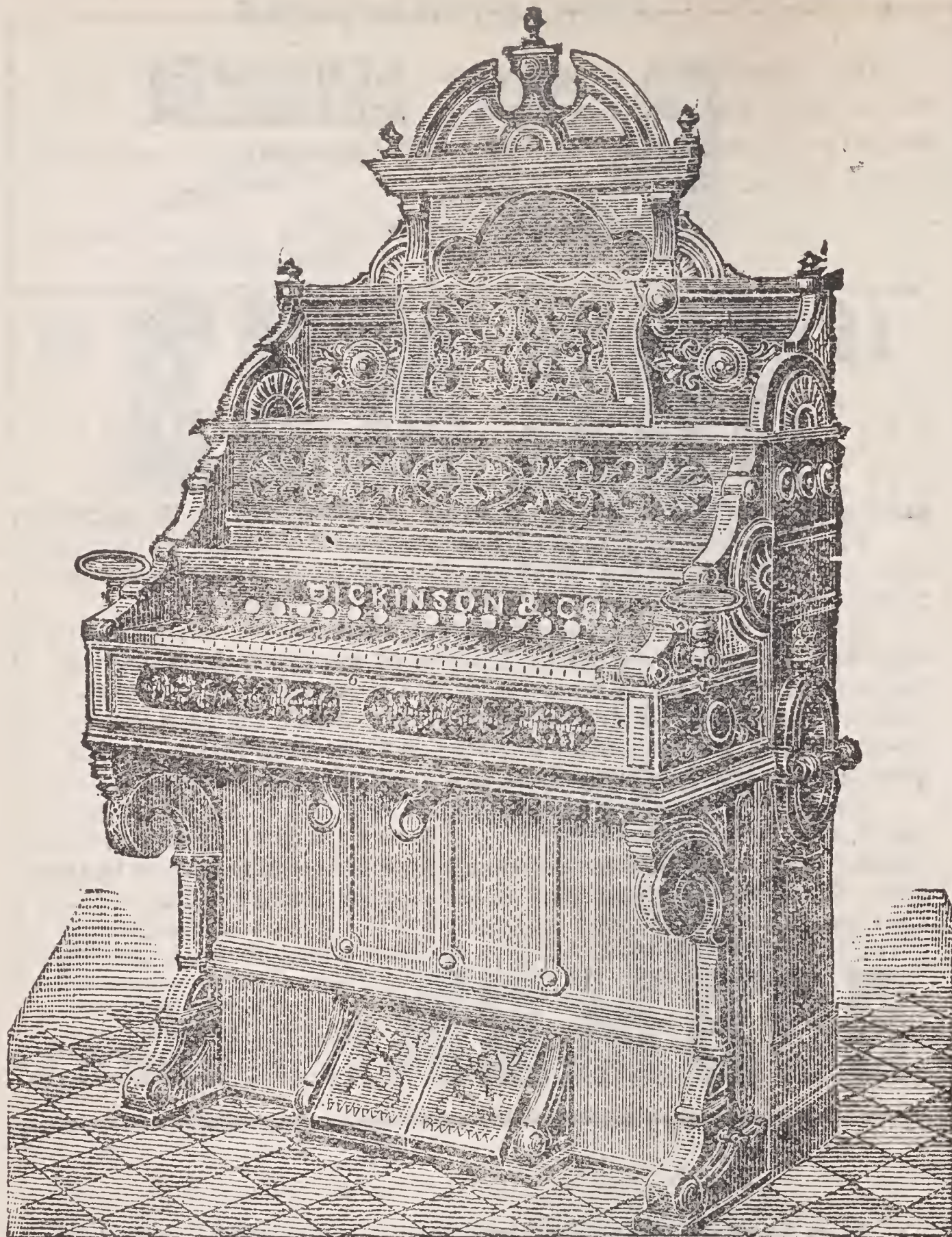
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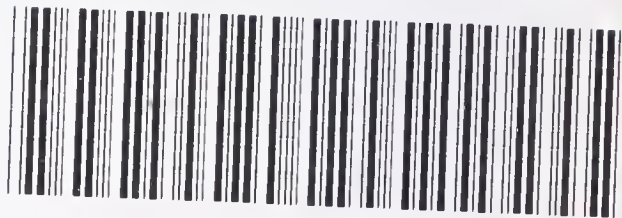


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